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## **House of Representatives**

OF

**THE UNITED STATES,**

**BEING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS:**

**BEGUN AND HELD**

**AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,**

**NOVEMBER 17, 1800,**

**AND IN THE TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.**

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### CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred, being the Second Session of the Sixth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by law for the commencement of the present session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats in the House, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Abiel Foster, and  
Jonathan Freeman.

From Massachusetts,

{ William Shepard,  
John Reed,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
Theodore Sedgwick, *Speaker*,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Silas Lee, and  
Lemuel Williams.

From Connecticut,

John Davenport.

From New York,

{ John Smith,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Jonas Platt,  
Henry Glen,  
John Thompson, and  
Theodorus Bailey.

From Pennsylvania,

{ Michael Leib,  
Richard Thomas,  
Joseph Heister,  
Robert Brown,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Henry Woods, and  
John Smilie.

From Maryland,

{ George Dent,  
George Baer,  
William Craik,  
Gabriel Christie,  
John C. Thomas, and  
Joseph H. Nicholson.



From Virginia,

{ Leven Powell,  
Robert Page,  
John Nicholas,  
John Dawson,  
Anthony New,  
George Jackson, and  
David Holmes.

From North Carolina,

{ Nathaniel Macon,  
Richard Stanford, and  
Willis Alston.

From South Carolina,

{ Thomas Sumter, and  
Benjamin Huger.

From Tennessee,

William C. C. Claiborne.

A new member, to wit : John C. Smith, returned to serve as a member of this House, for the State of Connecticut, in the room of Jonathan Brace, who has resigned his seat, appeared and produced his credentials ;

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from Connecticut, Elizur Goodrich, William Edmond, and Roger Griswold ; from New York, William Cooper and Lucas Elmendorf ; from New Jersey, James H. Imlay and Franklin Davenport ; from Pennsylvania, Robert Waln ; from Maryland, Samuel Smith ; from Virginia, Henry Lee, Thomas Evans, and John Trigg ; from North Carolina, Richard Dobbs Spaight and Joseph Dickson ; and from Georgia, Benjamin Taliaferro ; appeared and took their seats in the House ;

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered by Mr. Speaker to John C. Smith, a new member, who appeared and took his seat in the House yesterday.

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Waln, Mr. Franklin Davenport, Mr. Huger, Mr. Parker, Mr. Elizur Goodrich, and Mr. Silas Lee.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Dent, Mr. Lemuel Williams, Mr. Edmond, Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Evans, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Claiborne.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers, such as the members, respectively, shall chuse, to be delivered at their lodgings.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from Vermont, Lewis R. Morris, and from Virginia, Josiah Parker and John Randolph, appeared and took their seats in the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1800.

Two other members, to wit : from Virginia, Abram Trigg, and from Pennsylvania, Andrew Gregg, appeared and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House have leave to be absent from the service of the House for three weeks.



*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt; of the revenue, and of the expenditures; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Powell, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Smilie, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Platt, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Alston.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Macon, Mr. John C. Smith, Mr. Morris, Mr. John Chew Thomas, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Bartlett.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1800.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, George Thatcher; from New Jersey, John Condit, Aaron Kitchell, and James Lynn; from Pennsylvania, John A. Hanna; and from South Carolina, Robert Goodloe Harper; appeared and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Thomas Claxton, the Doorkeeper, stating that certain expenditures will be requisite, and further assistance necessary to be allowed, the better to enable him to fulfil the duties of his station; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Cooper.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That two Chaplains be appointed to Congress, one by each House, to interchange weekly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business, and that, in the absence of the Vice President, they have elected the Honorable John E. Howard, President of the Senate, pro tempore. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Craik, be a committee, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly, with the committee appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the United States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States:

1. That, after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, the choice of Electors of President and Vice President shall be made by dividing each State into a number of Districts, equal to the number of Electors to be chosen in such State, and by the persons in each of those Districts who shall have the qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous branch of the Legislature of such State, choosing one Elector in the manner which the Legislature thereof shall prescribe.

2. That the election of Representatives to Congress, who are to serve after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, shall be by dividing each State into a number of districts equal to the number of Representatives to which such State shall be entitled, and by the People within each of those districts who shall have the qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous branch of the



Legislature of such State choosing one Representative in the manner which the Legislature thereof shall prescribe.

*Ordered*, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macon, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Evans.

Mr. Griswold, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them he would make a communication to both Houses to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee to whom was this day referred the letter of Thomas Claxton, Doorkeeper of the House, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Thomas Claxton be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ one additional assistant, and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services as are usually required of the Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives; and that the sum of twenty-eight dollars be allowed him weekly, for that purpose, during the session, and for twenty days afterwards.

*Resolved*, That the said Thomas Claxton be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be erected a shelter for the purpose of protecting from the weather, the fire-wood that may be required by the two Houses of Congress; and that he be paid therefor out of the fund appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1800.

Two other members, to wit: from North Carolina, Archibald Henderson; and from Virginia, Edwin Gray; appeared and took their seats in the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate are now ready in the Senate Chamber, to attend this House in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the members of this House, then withdrew to the Senate Chamber, for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a copy of the Speech delivered by the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, in the Senate Chamber, as followeth:

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives*:

Immediately after the adjournment of Congress at their last session in Philadelphia, I gave directions, in compliance with the laws, for the removal of the public offices, records, and property: These directions have been executed, and the public officers have since resided and conducted the ordinary business of the Government in this place.

I congratulate the People of the United States on the assembling of Congress at the permanent seat of their Government; and I congratulate you, gentlemen, on the prospect of a residence not to be changed: Although there is cause to apprehend that accommodations are not now so complete as might be wished, yet there is great reason to believe that this inconvenience will cease with the present session.

It would be unbecoming the Representatives of this nation to assemble, for the first time, in this solemn temple, without looking up to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and imploring his blessing.

May this territory be the residence of virtue and happiness! In this city may that piety and virtue, that wisdom and magnanimity, that constancy and self-government which adorned the great character whose name it bears, be forever held in veneration! Here, and throughout our country, may simple manners, pure morals, and true religion, flourish forever!

It is with you, gentlemen, to consider whether the local powers over the District of Columbia, vested by the Constitution in the Congress of the United States, shall be immediately exercised: If, in your opinion, this important trust ought now to be executed, you cannot fail, while performing it, to take into view the future probable situation of the territory for the happiness of which you are about to provide. You will consider it as the Capital of a great nation, advancing, with unexampled rapidity, in arts, in commerce, in wealth, and in population; and possessing within itself those energies and resources, which, if not thrown away or lamentably misdirected, secure to it a long course of prosperity and self-government.



In compliance with a law of the last session of Congress, the officers and soldiers of the temporary Army have been discharged : It affords real pleasure to recollect the honorable testimony they gave of the patriotic motives which brought them into the service of their country, by the readiness and regularity with which they returned to the station of private citizens.

It is in every point of view of such primary importance to carry the laws into prompt and faithful execution, and to render that part of the administration of justice which the Constitution and laws devolve on the Federal Courts, as convenient to the People as may consist with their present circumstances, that I cannot omit, once more, to recommend to your serious consideration the Judiciary System of the United States. No subject is more interesting than this to the public happiness, and to none can those improvements which may have been suggested by experience, be more beneficially applied.

A treaty of amity and commerce with the king of Prussia, has been concluded and ratified : The ratifications have been exchanged, and I have directed the treaty to be promulgated by proclamation.

The difficulties which suspended the execution of the sixth article of our treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, with Great Britain, have not yet been removed : The negotiation on this subject is still depending. As it must be for the interest and honor of both nations to adjust this difference with good faith, I indulge confidently the expectation that the sincere endeavors of the Government of the United States to bring it to an amicable termination, will not be disappointed.

The Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary from the United States to France, were received by the First Consul with the respect due to their character ; and three persons, with equal powers, were appointed to treat with them. Although at the date of the last official intelligence the negotiation had not terminated, yet it is to be hoped that our efforts to effect an accommodation, will at length meet with a success proportioned to the sincerity with which they have been so often repeated.

While our best endeavors for the preservation of harmony with all nations will continue to be used, the experience of the world and our own experience admonish us of the insecurity of trusting too confidently to their success. We cannot, without committing a dangerous imprudence, abandon those measures of self-protection which are adapted to our situation, and to which, notwithstanding our pacific policy, the violence and injustice of others may compel us to resort. While our vast extent of sea-coast, the commercial and agricultural habits of our People, the great capital they will continue to trust on the ocean, suggest the system of defence which will be most beneficial to ourselves, our distance from Europe and our resources for maritime strength, will enable us to employ it with effect. Seasonable and systematic arrangements, so far as our resources will justify, for a Navy adapted to defensive war, and which may, in case of necessity, be quickly brought into use, seem to be as much recommended by a wise and true economy as by a just regard for our future tranquillity, for the safety of our shores, and for the protection of our property committed to the ocean.

The present Navy of the United States, called suddenly into existence, by a great national exigency, has raised us in our own esteem ; and by the protection afforded to our commerce, has effected, to the extent of our expectations, the objects for which it was created.

In connexion with a Navy ought to be contemplated the fortification of some of our principal sea-ports and harbors. A variety of considerations, which will readily suggest themselves, urge an attention to this measure of precaution. To give security to our principal ports, considerable sums have already been expended, but the works remain incomplete. It is for Congress to determine whether additional appropriations shall be made, in order to render competent to the intended purposes the fortifications which have been commenced.

The manufacture of arms within the United States still invites the attention of the National Legislature. At a considerable expense to the Public, this manufactory has been brought to such a state of maturity, as with continued encouragement will supersede the necessity of future importations from foreign countries.

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

I shall direct the estimates of the appropriations necessary for the ensuing year, together with an account of the public revenue and expenditure, to a late period, to be laid before you.

I observe with much satisfaction that the product of the revenue during the present year, has been more considerable than during any former equal period. This result af-



fords conclusive evidence of the great resources of this country, and of the wisdom and efficiency of the measures which have been adopted by Congress for the protection of commerce and preservation of public credit.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

As one of the grand community of nations, our attention is irresistibly drawn to the important scenes which surround us : If they have exhibited an uncommon portion of calamity, it is the province of humanity to deplore, and of wisdom to avoid the causes which may have produced it : If, turning our eyes homeward, we find reason to rejoice at the prospect which presents itself ; if we perceive the interior of our country prosperous, free and happy ; if all enjoy, in safety, under the protection of laws emanating only from the general will, the fruits of their own labor, we ought to fortify and cling to those institutions which have been the source of much real felicity ; and resist, with unabating perseverance, the progress of those dangerous innovations which may diminish their influence.

To your patriotism, gentlemen, has been confided the honorable duty of guarding the public interests, and while the past is to your country a sure pledge that it will be faithfully discharged, permit me to assure you that your labors to promote the general happiness will receive from me the most zealous co-operation.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, November 22, 1800.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the said speech be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harper reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved,* That it is the opinion of this committee that a respectful address ought to be presented by the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the present session, containing assurances that this House will duly attend to the important objects recommended by him to their consideration.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Macon, Mr. Craik, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Nicholas, be appointed a committee to prepare an address, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Ordered,* That the speech of the President of the United States be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from Massachusetts, Harrison G. Otis, and Phannell Bishop ; from Virginia, Matthew Clay ; and from North Carolina, David Stone ; appeared and took their seats in the House.

William M'Millan, returned to serve as a Representative for the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, in the room of William Henry Harrison, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury ; which was read, and is as followeth :

“ TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Washington, Nov. 22, 1800.

SIR : I deem it proper through you to inform the House of Representatives, that I have obtained the permission of the President of the United States to resign the office of Secretary of the Treasury, at the close of the present year.

I indulge a hope that I may, without presumption, declare, that the different offices with which I have been intrusted since the establishment of this Department, have been executed according to my best skill and judgment, with a conscientious regard to the rights of the public and of individuals, and under an impressive sense of responsibility to the Government. In conformity with these professions, I now freely submit the whole of my conduct to an investigation which the House of Representatives may be pleased to institute.



I cannot omit this only opportunity which may ever be afforded, of expressing the sincere sentiments of gratitude which I now feel and shall ever cultivate, for the many proofs of confidence and indulgence which I have experienced in the course of my official communications with the Legislature; at the same time I request, that, if the liberty I have now taken to invite their attention to a matter of personal concern, should be deemed in any degree unsuitable, the error may be attributed to a just and reasonable desire, that my conduct may, on proper evidence, appear to have deserved their approbation.

I have the honor to be,

With perfect esteem and deference,

Sir, your most obedient servant,

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

The Honorable THEODORE SEDGWICK, Esquire,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives."*

*Ordered,* That the said letter do lie on the table.

A petition of John Boushogg, of the county of Monongalia, and State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the excise duties upon a quantity of distilled spirits, in consideration of the destruction of his distillery and materials used therein, by fire.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1800.

Another member, to wit: John Wilkes Kittera, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A new member, to wit: Nathan Read, returned to serve as a member of this House for the State of Massachusetts, in the room of Samuel Sewall, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed to prepare an address in answer to the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That provision ought to be made by law for extending the privilege of franking to the Delegate, for the time being, from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and for making the same compensation to him, for his attendance, that is allowed to the members of the House of Representatives of the United States.

*Ordered,* That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Thatcher, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered,* That the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, presented yesterday, and which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Otis, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Waln, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Craik.

The Speaker laid before the House a congratulatory letter from sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia, on the first assemblage of Congress at the permanent Seat of Government; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. John Chew Thomas, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Craik.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but had come to no resolution thereupon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1800.

A new member, to wit: Littleton W. Tazewell, returned to serve as a member of this House for the State of Virginia, in the room of John Marshall, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath



to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of a committee appointed to prepare an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The said address being then read throughout at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

*To JOHN ADAMS, President of the United States:*

SIR: The House of Representatives have received with great respect the communication which you have been pleased to make to the two Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the present session.

The final establishment of the Seat of National Government which has now taken place within the District of Columbia, is an event of no small importance in the political transactions of our country: and we cordially unite our wishes with yours, that this Territory may be the residence of happiness and virtue.

Nor can we, on this occasion, omit to express a hope, that the spirit which animated the great founder of this city, may descend to future generations, and that the wisdom, magnanimity, and steadiness, which marked the events of his public life, may be imitated in all succeeding ages.

A consideration of those powers which have been vested in Congress over the District of Columbia will not escape our attention; nor shall we forget that, in exercising these powers, a regard must be had to those events which will necessarily attend the Capital of America.

The cheerfulness and regularity with which the officers and soldiers of the temporary Army have returned to the condition of private citizens, is a testimony clear and conclusive of the purity of those motives which induced them to engage in the public service; and will remain a proof, on all future occasions, that an army of soldiers drawn from the citizens of our country, deserve our confidence and respect.

No subject can be more important than that of the Judiciary, which you have again recommended to our consideration, and it shall receive our early and deliberate attention.

The Constitution of the United States having confided the management of our foreign negotiations to the control of the Executive power, we cheerfully submit to its decisions on this important subject. And in respect to the negotiations now pending with France, we sincerely hope that the final result may prove as fortunate to our country as the most ardent mind can wish.

So long as a predatory war is carried on against our commerce, we should sacrifice the interests and disappoint the expectations of our constituents, should we, for a moment, relax that system of maritime defence, which has resulted in such beneficial effects. At this period, it is confidently believed that few persons can be found within the United States, who do not admit that a Navy, well organized, must constitute the natural and efficient defence of this country against all foreign hostility.

The progress which has been made in the manufacture of arms, leaves no doubt that the public patronage has already placed this country beyond all necessary dependence on foreign markets for an article so indispensable for defence; and gives us assurances that, under the encouragement which Government will continue to extend to this important object, we shall soon rival foreign countries, not only in the number, but in the quality of arms completed from our own manufactories.

Few events could have been more pleasing to our constituents, than that great and rapid increase of revenue which has arisen from permanent taxes. Whilst this event explains the great and increasing resources of our country, it carries along with it a proof which cannot be resisted, that those measures of maritime defence which were calculated to meet our enemy upon the ocean, and which have produced such extensive protection to our commerce, were founded in wisdom and policy. The mind must, in our opinion, be insensible to the plainest truths, which cannot discern the elevated ground on which this policy has placed our country. That national spirit, which alone could vindicate our common rights, has been roused, and those latent energies which had not been fully known, were unfolded and brought into view, and our fellow citizens were prepared to meet every event which national honor or national security could render necessary. Nor have its effects been much less important in other respects.



Whilst many of the nations of the earth have been impoverished and depopulated by internal commotions and national contests, our internal peace has not been materially impaired; our commerce has extended, under the protection of our infant Navy, to every part of the globe; wealth has flowed without intermission into our sea-ports, and the labors of the husbandman have been rewarded by a ready market for the productions of the soil.

Be assured, Sir, that the various and important subjects recommended to our consideration, shall receive our early and deliberate attention; and confident of your co-operation in every measure which may be calculated to promote the general interest, we shall endeavor, on our part, to testify, by our industry and despatch, the zeal and sincerity with which we regard the public good.

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same report,

And resolved in the affirmative,    { Yeas ..... 36,  
    { Nays ..... 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
Archibald Henderson,  
Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,

James Linn,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
George Thatcher,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
John Dawson,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,

Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address; and that Mr. Griswold, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Craik, be a committee to wait on the President to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journals of the last Session of Congress, and report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dent, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, made a report, in part; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:



"That they have examined the credentials of several members, claiming seats in this House, in consequence of resignations which have taken place, and find that, by the certificate of the Governor of Massachusetts, dated the eleventh day of November, eighteen hundred, under the seal of the State, Nathan Read, (of Danvers,) is duly elected, in the place of Samuel Sewall; that, by the certificate of the Governor of Connecticut, bearing date twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred, with the seal of the State annexed, John Cotton Smith is duly elected, in the place of Jonathan Brace; and that, by the certificate of the Deputy Sheriff of Henrico, the Sheriff of Hanover, the Sheriff of New Kent, the Deputy Sheriff of Charles City, and the Sheriff of James City counties, composing one entire District in the Commonwealth of Virginia, under their respective seals, Lyttleton Waller Tazewell is duly elected, in the place of John Marshall.

"The committee also find, by an authenticated certificate, signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Legislative Council of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, dated the seventh day of November, eighteen hundred, that William M'Millan is duly elected to represent the said Territory, in the place of William Henry Harrison.

"Whereupon, the committee are of opinion that Nathan Read, (of Danvers,) John Cotton Smith, and Lyttleton Waller Tazewell, are entitled to take their seats in the House, in the place of Samuel Sewall, Jonathan Brace, and John Marshall, who have resigned; and that William M'Millan is entitled to take his seat therein, with the right of debating, but not of voting, in the place of William Henry Harrison, who has resigned."

*Ordered*, That the said report do lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States; and that the said committee have power to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Woods, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. New, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report, by bill or otherwise, such further measures as may be deemed expedient to carry into execution the resolutions of Congress, passed the last session, in commemoration of the great events of the military and political life of GEORGE WASHINGTON.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Elizur Goodrich, Mr. Huger, Mr. Powell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Spaight, and Mr. Bartlett, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress for the present session, with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House preceeded to consider the said amendment: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the same.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Nichols, presented the eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred, together with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the ninth of April, one thousand eight hundred, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1800.

Another member, to wit; John Bird, from New York, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Ferdinand Mullenheim, a native and subject of the kingdom of Denmark, and resident of the island of Saint Thomas, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed to receive the forfeiture accruing to the United States, for a breach of the revenue laws, committed without his knowledge or consent, by the captain of a certain schooner called the Nymph, the property of the petitioner.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.



On motion,

*Ordered*, That the several petitions of Benjamin Bird, Emory Sudler, jun. and wife, Alexander Roxburgh, Griffith Jones, David Jones, and Philip Bush ; and the bill sent from the Senate at the last session, entitled " An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Margaret Lapsley, deceased ;" together with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the twenty-second of April, one thousand eight hundred ; be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; to which the President made the following reply :

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

Compelled by the habits of a long life, as well as by all the principles of society and government which I could ever understand and believe, to consider the great body of the People as the source of all legitimate authority, no less than of all efficient power, it is impossible for me to receive this address from the immediate Representatives of the American People, at this time and in this place, without emotions which it would be improper to express, if any language could convey them.

May the spirit which animated the great founder of this city descend to future generations ; and may the wisdom, magnanimity, and steadiness, which marked the events of his public life, be imitated in all succeeding ages.

I thank you, Gentlemen, for your assurance that the Judiciary System shall receive your deliberate attention.

With you, Gentlemen, I sincerely hope that the final result of the negotiations now pending with France, may prove as fortunate to our country, as they have been commenced with sincerity, and prosecuted with deliberation and caution. With you, I cordially agree, that, so long as a predatory war is carried on against our commerce, we should sacrifice the interests and disappoint the expectations of our constituents, should we for a moment relax that system of maritime defence, which has resulted in such beneficial effects. With you, I confidently believe that few persons can be found within the United States, who do not admit that a Navy, well organized, must constitute the natural and efficient defence of this country, against all foreign hostility.

Those who recollect the distress and danger to this country, in former periods, from the want of arms, must exult in the assurance, from their Representatives, that we shall soon rival foreign countries, not only in the number, but in the quality of arms, completed from our own manufactories.

With you, Gentlemen, I fully agree, that the great increase of revenue is a proof that the measures of maritime defence were founded in wisdom. This policy has raised us in the esteem of foreign nations. That national spirit and those latent energies which had not been and are not yet fully known to any, were not entirely forgotten by those who had lived long enough to see in former times their operation, and some of their effects. Our fellow citizens were undoubtedly prepared to meet every event which national honor, or national security could render necessary. These it is to be hoped are secured at the cheapest and easiest rate : if not, they will be secured at more expense.

I thank you, Gentlemen, for your assurance that the various subjects recommended to your consideration shall receive your deliberate attention. No further evidence is wanting to convince me of the zeal and sincerity with which the House of Representatives regard the public good.

I pray you, Gentlemen, to accept of my best wishes for your health and happiness.

JOHN ADAMS.

WASHINGTON, November 27, 1800.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have proceeded to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part, and the Right Reverend Bishop Clagett has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.



The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Thomas Lyell.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1800.

Another member, to wit: Abraham Nott, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Philip Wilson, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed to receive payment for certain articles, the property of the petitioner, which were taken for, and applied to, the use of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, enclosing a statement of the proceedings which have been authorized by the Board since their report of the eleventh of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Abraham Watson, presented the twenty-seventh of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Oliver Pollock, praying the attention of the House to his petitions presented at former sessions, for compensation due him for services rendered to the United States, during the late war; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the speech of the President as respects the District of Columbia, ought to be referred to a select committee; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's speech as respects the national administration of justice, ought to be referred to a select committee; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's speech as respects seasonable and systematic arrangements, proportioned to our national resources, for a Navy adapted to defensive purposes, ought to be referred to a select committee; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's speech as respects the fortifications of some of the principal ports and harbors of the United States, ought to be referred to a select committee; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's speech as respects the manufacture of arms within the United States, ought to be referred to a select committee; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Evans, Mr. Craik, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Silas Lee, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Kittera, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Henderson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the second resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parker, Mr. Otis, Mr. Spaight, Mr. John Davenport, Mr. Nott, Mr. Taliaferro, and Mr. Holmes, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.



*Ordered*, That Mr. Otis, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Edmond, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Alston, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Waln, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Page, and Mr. Woods, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fifth resolution.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.

*Ordered*, That Mr. New, Mr. Edmond, Mr. Stone, Mr. Silas Lee, and Mr. Richard Thomas, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1800.

Several other members, to wit ; from Maryland, John Dennis ; from Virginia, Joseph Eggleston ; from North Carolina, William H. Hill ; and from Georgia, James Jones ; appeared and took their seats in the House.

An engrossed bill extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio and making provision for his compensation."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1800.

A petition of Darby M'Nemara was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Michael Muchlenberger, praying to be reimbursed the amount of certain property belonging to the petitioner, which was taken for, and applied to, the use of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Paul Bentalou and others, merchants, of the city of Baltimore, late owners of the ship *Flora*, was presented to the House and read, stating that they have sustained considerable loss in consequence of an illegal detention, as they conceive, of the said ship at the port of Edgartown, in the State of Massachusetts, by the officers of the United States, acting under the law, entitled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof," and praying compensation for the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the petition of Philip Wilson, made a report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Philip Wilson cannot be granted.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill directing the erection of a Mausoleum to GEORGE WASHINGTON ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying a report of the Commissioners of the fund for navy pensions and half-pay, pursuant to the act for the better government of the Navy of the United States ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of carrying on any further trade with the Indians, on a capital furnished by the United States ; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.



*Ordered*, That Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Nathan Reed, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, of the twenty-second of the same month, be instructed to examine into the state of the Department of the Treasury ; into the mode of conducting the business thereof ; and into the expenditure of public money ; and to report to this House such facts and statements as may conduce to a full understanding of the transactions of the Treasury, since the same has been under the superintendence of the officer now at the head of that department.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1800.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Oliver Pollock, made the eighteenth of April last, together with his letter presented the twenty-eighth ultimo, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1800.

Another member, to wit : Samuel Goode, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Samuel H. Smith and Thomas Carpenter, Stenographers, of the city of Washington, was presented to the House and read, stating the impossibility of their taking, with accuracy, the debates of the House, from the station at present allowed them ; and praying that they may be admitted to take places within the bar, more convenient for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Otis, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Platt, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Hill.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Darby McNemara, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Darby McNemara, cannot be granted.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Robert Hooper, presented the twenty-ninth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, together with the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures thereon, made the twenty-ninth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Michael Muhlenberger, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Michael Muhlenberger cannot be granted.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from North Carolina, William Barry Grove ; from Kentucky, Thomas T. Davis ; and from Rhode Island, Christopher G. Champlin ; appeared and took their seats in the House.

A petition of Thomas Jenkins and sons, citizens of Hudson, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that an American register may be granted for a certain vessel, the property of the petitioners, which having been originally a British built vessel, was burnt to the water edge, in the harbor of New York, and upon the remains whereof they have constructed a vessel, three-fourths of the materials of which are of the produce and manufacture of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third instant, a letter from Oliver Pollock, together with his former petitions, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the



Whole House on the bill directing the erection of a Mausoleum to GEORGE WASHINGTON ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment of the Senate : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the same.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Huger and Mr. Imlay be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as shall be appointed for that purpose on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from Connecticut, Chauncey Goodrich, and Samuel W. Dana ; and from Rhode Island, John Brown ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A new member, to wit : Samuel Tenney, returned to serve in this House as a member for New Hampshire, in the room of William Gordon, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Thomas Herty, of the city of Washington, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable him to publish a digest of the laws passed during the sixth Congress.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Craik, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Grove.

A petition of Samuel Trigg was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war ; and that he may be allowed the bounty land granted to the soldiers of the said Army.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Samuel H. Smith and Thomas Carpenter, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, the petition of John Boushbag, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Oliver Pollock, made on Friday last : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Oliver Pollock cannot be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys for the quarter ending the thirtieth of June last ; also his account of the expenditure of public moneys for the War and Navy Departments, for the quarter ending the thirtieth of September last ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Thomas Jenkins and sons, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Milton and others, presented the thirtieth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, together with the report of the Secretary of War thereon, made the fourteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the petition of Ferdinand Mullenheim, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,



*Resolved*, That the case of the petitioner coming within the act which provides for remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases, it is inexpedient for the House to interfere therein ; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1800.

Another member, to wit : John Rutledge, junior, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of William Rickard, late a Captain in the third United States regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred by the petitioner whilst employed in the service of the United States.

Also, a petition of Benjamin Ricketts, praying that he may receive a balance of pay and prize money due to him for services as a marine on board the Continental ship Bon Homme Richard, under the command of Captain John Paul Jones, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of the Providence association of Mechanics and Manufactures, signed by James Burrill, their President, was presented to the House and read, stating the decay into which the principal branches of manufacture within the United States has fallen ; and requesting the attention of Congress to the subject, as being deeply connected with the interest, honor, and prosperity, of our country.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Robert Hooper, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Thomas Jenkins and sons, made yesterday, and which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Jonathan W. Condry, notifying his resignation of the office of Clerk to this House ; which was read, and is as follows :

“ PHILADELPHIA, *December the 4th*, 1800.

“ SIR : The state of my health having rendered it impossible for me further to perform the duties of Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, I am reduced to the necessity of resigning that appointment ; you will therefore oblige me, by notifying my resignation to the House, and at the same time expressing the regret with which I yield to the necessity of withdrawing myself from their service.

“ With the most sincere gratitude for the frequent and continued marks of friendship and attention, which I have received personally from yourself, and the indulgence with which I have been favored by the House, in the course of my feeble endeavors to obtain their approbation in the performance of the duties of my office ; I am, with sentiments of the highest respect and esteem,

“ Sir, your most obliged,

“ Most humble servant,

“ JONATHAN W. CONDY.

“ The Hon. THEODORE SEDGWICK,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*”

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Clerk, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation ; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of John Holt Oswald.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, together with the oath of office as prescribed by the act, entitled “ An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths,” were then administered by Mr. Speaker to the Clerk.

On motion,

*Ordered* That the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of John Boushogg, made yesterday, and which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the first Monday in January next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Harrison Smith and Thomas Carpenter, made yesterday, and which lay on the table ; and, the same being again read, in the words following, to wit :



"The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Harrison Smith and Thomas Carpenter, report the following resolution, which they recommend to the House :

"*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for this House to make any order upon the subject of the memorial of Samuel Harrison Smith and Thomas Carpenter, presented on the fourth day of December instant."

The question was taken that the House do agree to the resolution contained in the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative, the House being equally divided, to wit : Yeas 45, Nays 45.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the yeas.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one fifth of the members present, are as follow :

## YEAS.

Theodore Sedgwick, *Speaker*,  
George Bacr,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Archibald Henderson,  
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Imlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
James Lynn,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jonas Platt,  
Levin Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
John C. Smith,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

## NAYS.

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condict,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
William H. Hill,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
James Jones,

Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1800.

Another member, to wit: Matthew Lyon, from Vermont, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Samuel Lewis, senior, late a clerk in the War Office, was presented to the House and read, stating that he has been imprisoned upwards of twelve months, in consequence of a judgment obtained against him by the United States; and praying that he may be liberated; and thereby enabled, by pursuing his usual occupation, to discharge the debt which has been found due by him to the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Waln, Mr. Grove, and Mr. Imlay.

A petition of Andrew Shepard, of the county of Orange, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, although the said certificate was not presented for payment within the period prescribed by law.

Also, a petition of Nathan Sanborn, of Deerfield, in the county of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him, in consideration of a wound received in the engagement which took place at Stillwater, whilst a Captain in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill directing the erection of a Mausoleum to GEORGE WASHINGTON; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein; but not having gone through the same, had instructed him to move for leave to sit again.

And, on the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill;

It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Elizur Goodrich, Mr. Huger, Mr. Powell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Spaight, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Champlin: and that the said committee be instructed to consider and report on the expediency of adopting measures to carry into effect a resolution passed by Congress, on the seventh day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, directing "That an equestrian statue of General WASHINGTON be erected at the place where the residence of Congress shall be established." And, that the said committee be further instructed to inquire into, and report, on the expediency of carrying into effect a resolution of Congress, of the twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, directing that a marble Monument be erected in the Capitol, at the city of Washington.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have appointed Mr. Dwight Foster of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1800.

A memorial of Philip Lightfoot, late a Captain in the eighth regiment of the additional Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for extra services rendered by the petitioner, whilst acting as Judge Advocate to that part of the Army which was stationed at Harper's Ferry, from the fourteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to the fourteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred.

Also, a petition of Daniel Jackson, major in the second regiment of artillerists and engineers, in the service of the United States, stating that, being ordered on a separate command, he has drawn double rations, conceiving himself to be entitled thereto; but that upon a settlement of his account at the War Office, one ration has been deducted therefrom, and praying that the same may be allowed him from the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to the thirtieth of November, one thousand eight hundred.

Also, a petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant, praying for a due recompense for his services, while he was employed under the direction of the late General Washington, in



planning and conducting the public buildings at the city of Washington, for which services the petitioner conceives he has not been sufficiently remunerated.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and one; also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States, for one year, preceding the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. John Chew Thomas, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, the congratulatory letter from sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives consider the sentiments contained in the address from the inhabitants of the District of Columbia, as expressive of a laudable attachment to the Government of this country; and that the members of this House entertain a just sense of the very friendly solicitude for their accommodation, which is manifested in the said address.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be requested to enclose a copy of the foregoing resolutions to Messieurs Léonard Harbaugh and Amos Alexander, chairmen of the committees appointed by the inhabitants of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the several acts for laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and on stills; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1800.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicholas have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for ten days.

A memorial of Samuel Blackden, late a Lieutenant Colonel of light dragoons, in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the donation land and commutation of half-pay, which has been granted by law to officers of the same rank, who served in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying copies of two letters from the Commissioners of the city of Washington, with sundry documents marked 1 to 11, inclusively, exhibiting a view of the receipts and expenditures of all moneys entrusted to them; and of the progress and state of the business and funds under their administration, from the eighteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to the eighteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred: which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petition of Benjamin Ricketts, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Benjamin Ricketts cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Robert Hooper; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Collector of the port of Boston and Charlestown do pay to Mr.



Robert Hooper the amount of drawback of duties on fourteen pipes and three quarter casks of Madeira wine, (imported in the brig Polly, Robert Hooper, jun. master, from Madeira, in July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and exported in the month of October following, on board the Molly, Captain Haskill, for the West Indies,) which have been due had the necessary formalities on export been observed.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing abstracts of all the returns made to him by the Collectors of the different ports, of registered seamen, and of impressed seamen; together with a report exhibiting abstracts of the communications received by him from the agents employed by virtue of the "Act to revive and continue in force certain parts of the act for the relief and protection of American seamen, and to amend the same," made in pursuance of the said act; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Thomas Jenkins and Sons; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Thomas Jenkins and Sons cannot be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Robert Hooper; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1800.

Another member, to wit: Thomas Pinckney, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Nicholas J. Roosevelt, in behalf of himself and associates, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of incorporation may be granted to him and his associates, for the purpose of raising an adequate fund for the working of Schuyler's copper mine, and the prosecution of the works therewith connected; and also that permission may be granted them to apply part of their fund to the purchase and working of any other copper mine within the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Benjamin Law, (alias Williams,) late a fifer in the first Maryland regiment, was presented to the House and read, stating that a warrant for land due the petitioner, for services rendered the United States, during the late war, has been fraudulently obtained from the War Office, and praying that a new warrant may issue, or such other relief be granted as to the wisdom of Congress may seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Samuel Trigg, of Nathan Sanborn, and of Andrew Shepherd, made reports, severally, thereon; which were respectively read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Samuel Trigg, Nathan Sanborn, and Andrew Shepherd, cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Robert Hooper; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation."



The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the ninth of April last, on the petition of William Nichols; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That, on the settlement of the account of William Nichols, late Marshal of the District of Pennsylvania, the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to allow, and pass to his credit, such sums of money as shall appear to have been paid by him, as their compensations, to the jurors and witnesses who were summoned and did attend the Circuit Court of the United States for said District, on the trial of the insurgents, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, although the said sums may have exceeded those allowed by law at the time.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Robert Hooper was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Robert Hooper."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Stephen Wockley, who presented a petition to this House on the eighteenth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, have leave to withdraw the same.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1800.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wain have leave to be absent from the service of this House for three weeks, and Mr. Stone for two weeks.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, so much of the President's speech as respects the District of Columbia, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill concerning the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the memorial of Peter Charles L'Enfant, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Peter Charles L'Enfant cannot be granted.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of William Nichols, late Marshal of Pennsylvania; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifteenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That it is expedient so to alter the Military Establishment of the United States, as that the second regiment of artillerists and engineers shall consist of but three battalions:



Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of



Samuel Blackden, and of Benjamin Law, (alias Williams,) made two several reports thereon; which were respectively read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Samuel Blackden and Benjamin Law (alias Williams) cannot be granted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the situation of certain tracts of land which have been appropriated for the support of public schools and seminaries of learning, and for the support of religion, situated within the limits of a tract of land granted to John Cleves Symmes and his associates, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio; and that the said committee take into their consideration what measures are necessary to be taken in order to render the lands so appropriated productive of the benefits contemplated to result therefrom; and that the said committee have power to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Morris, and Mr. M'Millan, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1800.

A remonstrance of the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory, signed by Henry Hunter, their Speaker, was presented to the House and read, stating that an election for a member to serve in the House of Representatives for the county of Washington, has been held at a time subsequent to the time directed by law, and praying that the said election may be legalized, or that the Governor of said Territory may be authorized to order a new election; and further, that an amendment may be made in the act, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" whereby it shall be made the duty of the Governor to convene the General Assembly of the said Territory, at a period different from the one prescribed by the said recited act.

*Ordered*, That the said remonstrance be referred to Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, and Mr. Nott.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the tenth instant, the bill directing the erection of a Mausoleum to GEORGE WASHINGTON, and who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of carrying into effect a resolution of Congress, passed the seventh day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; and, also, a resolution passed the fourth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, directing certain measures in honor of GEORGE WASHINGTON, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill concerning GEORGE WASHINGTON; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued, made a farther report, in part; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the acts recited in the said report respectively, and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the speech of the President of the United States as respects the administration of justice, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That Elizabeth Jameson, who presented a petition to this House on the twenty-sixth of March last, have leave to withdraw the same.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1800.**

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts was presented to the House, and read, praying that a new post road may be established from Providence, through North Providence, Rehoboth, and Attleborough to Taunton, in the said State.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary in the law establishing the post office and post roads within the United States.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the laws passed by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, and the petition of Cato West and others, heretofore presented to the House, together with all the documents relative thereto, be transmitted to the President of the United States :

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the same, by striking out, from the word "that" in the first line, to the end thereof; and by inserting the following words, "a committee be appointed to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory, and to report thereon to this House; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records:"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 70,  
 { Nays ..... 11.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
 George Baer,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 John Bird,  
 Phanael Bishop,  
 John Brown,  
 Robert Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 Matthew Clay,  
 John Condict,  
 William Cooper,  
 William Craik,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 Thomas T. Davis,  
 John Dawson,  
 John Dennis,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Samuel Goode,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Edwin Gray,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 William H. Hill,

David Holmes,  
Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Silas Lee,  
Michael Leib,  
James Lynn,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
William Shepard,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
John C. Smith,  
Richard Stanford,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
Peleg Wadsworth, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

**Theodorus Bailey,**  
**William Charles Cole Chaiborne,**

**Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,**



Andrew Gregg,  
George Jackson,  
Matthew Lyon,  
Nathaniel Macon,

Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro, and  
Abram Trigg.

The said motion as amended, being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory, and to report thereon to this House ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records :

The question being taken that the House do agree to the same.

And resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Nott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Otis, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the laws passed by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, and the petition of Cato West and others, heretofore presented to the House, together with the documents relative thereto, be referred to the committee last appointed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred, on Friday last, the memorial of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, be discharged from the further consideration of the said memorial, and that the same be referred to the committee this day appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the said Territory.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a report of the Commissioner of the Revenue, and sundry statements respecting the internal revenues of the United States, in pursuance of an act of Congress passed on the eleventh day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight ; and of a resolution of this House, passed on the sixth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1800.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the Northwestern Territory, residing on lands purchased from John Cleves Symmes, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said Symmes may be allowed to complete his contract with the United States, or that such other relief may be granted to the memorialists, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighteenth instant, to inquire into the situation of certain tracts of land which have been appropriated for the support of public schools and seminaries of learning, and for the support of religion, situated within the limits of a tract of land granted to John Cleves Symmes, and his associates, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

A petition of the messengers and office-keepers of the several Departments of State, of the Treasury, of War, and of the Navy, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law ; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Otis, Mr. Taliaferro, and Mr. Woods.

A petition of James Clark, of the City of Washington, was presented to the House and read, stating that he has been employed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to make Venetian blinds for the Treasury Department ; but that, on presenting his account for the same, he has been referred to the Commissioners of the City of Washington, for a settlement thereof ; that he has applied to the said Commissioners, who do not conceive themselves liable to discharge the said account ; and praying relief in the premises.

Also, a petition of Charles Tomkins, in behalf of the parties concerned, stating that, by a resolve of Congress, passed the first of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, one complete and entire township of land, subject to the reservations as in other townships, agreeably to an ordinance of the twentieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, was granted to Arnold Henry Dohrman, and by said resolve he was permitted to make choice of the said township, out of any of the three



William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
John C. Smith,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.



Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey  
John Bird,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Conduct,  
John Davenport,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,

Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
John Randolph,  
William Shepard,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.

The several orders of the day were postponed until Tuesday next.  
And then the House adjourned until Tuesday morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1800.

Another member, to wit: Robert Williams, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial and remonstrance of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read, protesting against the establishment by the United States of the Government of the Mississippi Territory within the limits of the said State; and praying a repeal of the acts authorizing the establishment thereof, as being unconstitutional, injurious to, and subversive of, the rights of the State of Georgia.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A memorial of William Milton and others, citizens of the United States, residing in the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for their services as a troop of militia dragoons, under the command of Jonas Fauche, employed in the actual service of the United States, from the twenty-third of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, to the twenty-fifth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, by order of the Governor of the said State of Georgia.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Pleasant Henderson and others, inhabitants of the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, stating their claims to certain lands ceded by the State of North Carolina to the United States, with a reservation of the claims of the petitioners; the possession of which lands the United States have since guaranteed by treaty to the Chickasaw and Cherokee Indians; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Augusta and Amherst, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established between Staunton and Cabellsburg, in the said State.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of James Coleman and others, inhabitants of Mero District in the State of Tennessee, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconvenient situation of Palmyra, the present port of entry for the said district; and praying that a port of entry may be established at Fort Massac, or some other convenient place below the mouth of Cumberland river.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed, to be denominated "The Committee of Privileges;" and that Mr. John C. Smith, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Nott, be the said committee.



The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Joseph Wheaton, Sergeant-at-Arms to this House, stating that, in consequence of his having executed the order of the Speaker, in arresting a certain James Lane, for disorderly behavior in the gallery of the House, on Monday, the twenty-second instant, he was apprehended and conducted before a magistrate of the city of Washington, detained for a certain length of time, and finally discharged in consequence of the non-appearance of the said James Lane, to prosecute his complaint.

*Ordered*, That the said letter be referred to the Committee of Privileges this day appointed.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued, made a farther report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing a report on the claims of certain Canadian refugees, made in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill for regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, instructed, on the seventeenth instant, to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Griswold, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail; on property sold at auction, and on carriages for the conveyance of persons; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the petition of Matthew Patterson and others, presented the seventh of March last, together with the report thereon, made the seventh of April following; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said petition and report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said petition and report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1800.

*Ordered*, That the memorial of Pleasant Henderson and others, inhabitants of the State of North Carolina, presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Thatcher.

Mr. Dent, from the Committee of Elections, made a further report, in part; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as follows:

"The Committee of Elections further report—

"That, by the certificate of the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, under seal, and dated the twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred, it appears that Samuel Tenney is duly appointed a member of the House of Representatives of the United States, until the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and one.

"It is further made to appear by information from several members of this House, from the said State, that such appointment was made to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Gordon.

"Whereupon, the committee are of opinion that Samuel Tenney is entitled to take a seat in this House in the place of William Gordon."

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued, made a further report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the



Whole House on the bill to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail ; on property sold at auction, and on carriages for the conveyance of persons ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, made yesterday, relative to the expediency of repealing the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the District of Columbia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

And the question being taken that the Committee of the Whole have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Evans, Mr. Craik, Mr. Bird, Mr. Silas Lee, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, and Mr. Dennis.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1801.

An engrossed bill concerning GEORGE WASHINGTON was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

And it was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas.....45,  
  { Nays.....37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Inlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,

William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,

Edwin Gray,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 David Holmes,  
 George Jackson,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 Michael Leib,  
 James Lynn,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 John Randolph,

John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 Thomas Sumter,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum, and  
 Robert Williams.

*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to erect a Mausoleum for GEORGE WASHINGTON;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry the same to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House of Representatives having received information of the death of Major General Thomas Hartley, one of its members, who has represented the State of Pennsylvania, in that branch of the National Legislature, from the commencement of the Government until his death; do, therefore, unanimously, *Resolve*, That the members testify their respect for the memory of the said Thomas Hartley, by wearing a crape on the left arm, for one month.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of Pennsylvania, to inform him of the death of Thomas Hartley, late a member of this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1801.

Another member, to wit: James A. Bayard, from Delaware, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Solomon Boston, now confined in the goal in Kent County, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of a fine, imposed on the petitioner by the District Court for the said State, in consequence of a breach of the revenue laws, by him alleged to have been committed through ignorance of the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Bayard, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Spaight.

A petition of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the county of Wayne, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, was presented to the House and read, stating the uncertain tenure by which they hold the lands now occupied by them, and praying relief therein; and, also, that the aid and patronage of Congress may be extended to them in the establishment of schools for the education of their youth, and that a township of land belonging to the United States may be appropriated in the said county for the support of the Gospel, and for erecting the buildings necessary for the celebration of divine service.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Pinckney, Mr. M'Millan, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Elizur Goodrich, and Mr. Kittera.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to both Houses of Congress for their information and consideration, copies of laws enacted by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, from the thirtieth of June, until the thirty-first December, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, January 1, 1801.

The said message, and the papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the



*Resolved* That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

**“The Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business further report, in part:**

“And the said committee report their opinion, that the above-mentioned act ought to be continued; and, therefore, recommend the following resolution:—

It was moved and seconded that the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House;

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 47;  
 { Nays ..... 33.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William H. Hill,  
James H. Imlay,  
John Wilkes Kitterra,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Williams,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

**Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,**

Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 John Randolph,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,

Thomas Sumter,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
 Joseph B. Varnum.

*Ordered*, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harper and Mr. Otis be excused from serving on the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory; and that Mr. Chauncey Goodrich and Mr. Bayard be appointed in their stead.

Sundry papers in relation to the official conduct of the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, were presented to the House and read: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said papers be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1801.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law authorizing the Supervisor, or some other person, in the State of Kentucky, to pay to the invalid pensioners in said State, and the territories Northwest of the river Ohio, who have been regularly placed on the pension list, their respective pensions.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Davis, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Claiborne, be excused from serving on the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory; and that Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Taliaferro, and Mr. Pinckney, be appointed in their stead.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1801.

Mr. John C. Smith, from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, a letter from Joseph Wheaton, Sergeant-at-Arms, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read: Whereupon,

The resolution contained in the said report being again read, in the words following, to wit:

"The committee are therefore of opinion, that it is not expedient for the House to take any further order on the letter from Joseph Wheaton:"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 58,  
 { Nays ..... 30.



The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
John A. Hanna,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,

Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
James Lynch,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, junior,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Williams,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Edwin Gray,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,

Michael Leib,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.

A motion was then made and seconded to reconsider the last mentioned vote of the House,

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 45,  
  { Nays ..... 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,

William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
William Craik,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,

Lucas Elmendorf,  
 Samuel Goode,  
 Edwin Gray,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 David Holmes,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 George Jackson,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 Michael Leib,  
 James Lynn,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Abraham Nott,

John Randolph,  
 John Reed,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 Thomas Sumter,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum,  
 Peleg Wadsworth, and  
 Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 John Bird,  
 John Brown,  
 William Cooper,  
 Samuel W. Dana,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,

Archibald Henderson,  
 William H. Hill,  
 James H. Imlay,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Henry Lee,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 Nathan Read,  
 John Rutledge, jun.  
 William Shepard,  
 John C. Smith,  
 James Sheafe,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 Richard Thomas,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

The said report of the Committee of Privileges being again read, in the words following, to wit :

“ The Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the letter from Joseph Wheaton, Sergeant-at-Arms, report :

“ That the representation made by the Serjeant-at-Arms, contains a correct statement of facts; and that he, in the opinion of the committee, is to be commended for the promptitude and fidelity with which he executed the order of the Speaker, to apprehend the person guilty of indecent and disorderly conduct in the gallery.

“ The committee have reason to believe, from the best information they can obtain, that the person who committed the disorder, (and who has since absconded,) was, at the time, intoxicated with liquor.

“ The Magistrate, by whose warrant the Sergeant-at-Arms was arrested and held in custody, for discharging his duty in the premises, has explained his conduct, in a letter accompanying this report. The suggestion made to him, that any one member of this House was *consulted* relative to the prosecution of the Serjeant-at-Arms, is, by the committee, presumed to be wholly false; as it would imply in such member, not only a disregard of all sense of personal propriety, but also an inexcusable contempt for the honor and dignity of the House.

“ That, although the arrest and confinement of an officer of the House of Representatives, for any act by him performed in its service, and in obedience to its orders, must be deemed a high breach of its privileges; yet as the Magistrate, in the present case, seems *rather* to have been deceived by false representations, than influenced by improper views, the committee cannot consider his conduct as a subject of animadversion.

“ They are therefore of opinion, that it is not expedient for the House to take any further order on the letter from Joseph Wheaton.”



The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And it was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 50,  
Nays ..... 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,

Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Inlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
James Lynn,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,

Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-third ultimo, the petition of the Messengers and Office-keepers of the several Departments, be discharged from the consideration of the same; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1801.

A petition of John Berry, of the County of Bath, in the State of Virginia, heir at law of Alexander Gillispy, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed to locate the bounty lands granted by the British Government to the deceased, on the lands of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the memorial and remonstrance of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, presented the thirtieth ultimo, and which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Dana, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Eggleston.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1801.

A petition of Francis B. Chandlear and others, was presented to the House and read, stating that they have established a line of transportation from Philadelphia to Baltimore, through Fredericktown; but that, in consequence of the said place not being designated in the provision contained in the seventy-ninth section of the "Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," they have experienced considerable loss; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Bayard, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Linn.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1801.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts was presented to the House and read, praying that a light-house may be erected on Cape Poge, in said State.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

*Ordered*, That the petition of sundry ship owners belonging to the ports of Biddeford and Peppereborough, presented the seventh of February last, and of sundry merchants and citizens of the town of New Bedford, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, presented the thirty-first of March last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth of November last, the petition of Abraham Watson, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Abraham Watson cannot be granted.

Mr. Macon, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third ultimo, the petition of James Clark, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.





John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Robert Waln,

Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,

Michael Leib,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Several other amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed, and others disagreed to, by the House.

But an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1801.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire and Massachusetts was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Brookfield, in Massachusetts, to Concord, in New Hampshire, by the route designated in the said petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A memorial of Edward Barns, one of the Surveyors of the revenue for the State of Massachusetts, appointed under the act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," was presented to the House and read, stating that he has not been allowed the compensation to which he conceives he is entitled upon a proper construction of the said act, for performing the duties of Surveyor as aforesaid; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Gallatin be added to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth of November last, to prepare and bring in a bill for regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.

The House being informed that James Jones, one of the members for the State of Georgia, died this morning,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Huger, be appointed a committee to take order for superintending the funeral of the said James Jones; and that this House will attend the same.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the members testify their respect for the memory of the said James Jones, by wearing crape on the left arm for one month.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of Georgia, to inform him of the death of James Jones, late a member of this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.



The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States : Whereupon,

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to the thirteenth section, being under consideration, to wit: to fill the blank in the thirteenth line thereof, with the word "four :"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 71,  
{ Nays ..... 18.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
 George Baer,  
 Theodorus Bailey,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 John Bird,  
 John Brown,  
 Robert Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 John Condit,  
 William Cooper,  
 William Craik,  
 Samuel W. Dana,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 Thomas T. Davis,  
 John Dennis,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Samuel Goode,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Edwin Gray,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,

Joseph Heister,  
Archibald Henderson,  
David Holmes,  
Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
George Jackson,  
Henry Lee,  
Michael Leib,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
John Nicholas,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John Smith,  
John C. Smith,  
Thomas Sumter,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Phanuel Bishop,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Dawson,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
James Linn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Anthony New,

Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Abraham Nott,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Abram Trigg,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to the seventeenth section, being under consideration, to wit: to add to the end thereof, the following words: "nor shall any District or Circuit Court have cognizance of any suit to recover the contents of any promissory note or other chose in action in favor of an assignee, unless a suit might have been prosecuted in such court to recover the said

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said amendment, by adding to the end thereof, the following words, to wit: "and of promissory notes and bonds, payable to order or assigns."

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 36,  
Nays ..... 53.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James H. Imlay,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge, jun.  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Willis Alston,  
George Baer,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
William Craik,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Thomas Evans,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
William Barry Grove,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
Benjamin Huger,

George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Abraham Nott,  
Robert Page,  
Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Chew Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
Abraham Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 55,  
 { Nays ..... 35.



The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
George Baer,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
William Craik,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Thomas Evans,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Samuel Goode,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
William Barry Grove,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
Benjamin Huger,

George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Abraham Nott,  
Robert Page,  
Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
Nathan Read,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Chew Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dawson,  
William Edmond,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
James H. Imlay,  
Henry Lee,

Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
John Reed,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Wain,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until Thursday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1801.

A memorial of the Asylum Company of journeymen printers, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid on all books imported into the United States; those for the use of public incorporated libraries excepted.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that the funeral of James Jones, Esq. a member of this House, who died yesterday, will be attended this day at twelve o'clock; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1801.

A memorial of Simon Jackson and others, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the interest on certain certificates, commonly called New Emission Money, the property of the petitioners, issued during the late war; the payment of which interest, the petitioners state, was guarantied by the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

A motion was made and seconded that the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House then proceeded to consider the said memorial; and the same being again read throughout, at the Clerk's table,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Simon Jackson and others cannot be granted.

A petition of William Markward, one of the Messengers of the War Department, was presented to the House and read, stating that considerable property belonging to the petitioner, was burnt and destroyed in the fire which lately consumed the building occupied by the War Department; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Solomon Boston, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Jacob Barnitz, presented the ninth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of James Clark, made the ninth instant, and which lay on the table, be re-committed to the said committee.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred on the eighth instant, the petition of Francis B. Chandlear and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, made the seventh of April, one thousand eight hundred, to whom was referred the memorial of Matthew Patterson and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said memorial and report, be postponed until to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying sundry documents, marked No. 1 to 5, inclusive, in relation to the Naval Establishment of the United States; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail; on property sold at auction, and on carriages for the conveyance of persons; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second amendment being then under consideration, to wit:

"To strike out from the eleventh line in the first section, from the word "force" to the end of the same, and to insert, in lieu thereof, "until the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three :"

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,



It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 41,  
 { Nays ..... 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,  
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
 Theodorus Bailey,  
 Phaniel Bishop,  
 Robert Brown,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 Matthew Clay,  
 William C. C. Claiborne,  
 John Condit,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 Lucas Elmendorf,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Samuel Goode,  
 Edwin Gray,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 David Holmes,  
 George Jackson,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 Michael Leib,

Matthew Lyon,  
 James Lynn,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 John Randolph,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 Thomas Sumter,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum, and  
 Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 John Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 William Cooper,  
 Samuel W. Dana,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 William H. Hill,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Inlay,

John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Henry Lee,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Abraham Nott,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Robert Page,  
 Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 Leven Powell,  
 John Reed,  
 Nathan Read,  
 John Rutledge,  
 William Shepard,  
 John C. Smith,  
 James Sheafe,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 Richard Thomas,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Robert Waln,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means relative to the expediency of repealing the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;" with a proviso, that nothing therein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the assessing and collecting of the direct tax, passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Ways and Means relative to the expediency of repealing the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 1801.

An engrossed bill to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail; on property sold at auction, and on carriages for the conveyance of persons, was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 46,  
  { Nays ..... 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
John Brown,  
John Condit,  
William Cooper,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elzur Goodrich,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
John A. Hanna,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Inlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Jonas Platt,  
John Rutledge,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Samuel Tenney,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Robert Williams,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
John Bird,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,

Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.



*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail; and so much of the act laying certain duties on snuff and refined sugar, as respects a duty on refined sugar; on property sold at auction, and on carriages for the conveyance of persons."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

I now transmit to both Houses of Congress, in conformity to law, my annual account of the application of grants for the contingent charges of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 16th*, 1801.

The said message, and account accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States; and the said amendments being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1801.

A petition of Griffin Taylor, of Frederick county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a warrant for land, granted to William Eskridge for military services, as a lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line, which was purchased by the petitioner from the said William Eskridge, and has since been lost or destroyed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia was presented to the House and read, stating the great inconvenience which has arisen to the memorialists by the operation of that part of the act passed the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred, entitled "An act to lay an additional duty on certain articles imported," which relates to a drawback on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States in foreign ships or vessels; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Waln, from the committee to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, the petition of Samuel Lewis, senior, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to discharge Samuel Lewis, senior, from his imprisonment upon a judgment obtained against him in favor of the United States; with a proviso, that he shall first assign and convey all the estate, real and personal, which he may now own, and be entitled to, for the use of the United States; and that the said judgments shall remain in full force against any estate which the said Samuel Lewis may hereafter acquire.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Waln, Mr. Grove, and Mr. Imlay, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Waln, from the last mentioned committee, presented according to order, a bill to discharge Samuel Lewis, senior, from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the several petitions of William Markward, of Luke Brodhead, and of John Berry, made reports, severally thereon; which were read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitions of the said William Markward, Luke Brodhead, and John Berry, respectively, cannot be granted; and that the last mentioned petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. New, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth of November last, to prepare and bring in a bill for regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. New, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Solomon Boston; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the same.

The said report being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"That the petitioner is, and for upwards of six months last past, has been confined in the public goal at Dover, in the State of Delaware, upon process at the suit of the United States, founded upon a judgment for one thousand dollars, being a penalty forfeited by the petitioner under the act of Congress, regulating the collection of duties on imports and tonnage. It appeared to the committee, that under the same act the petitioner had forfeited and lost a vessel and the cargo on board of her; and that he is destitute of any means of satisfying the judgment against him. The committee having taken into consideration the offence committed by the petitioner, and the punishment he has suffered, are of opinion, that the petitioner has been sufficiently punished for the wrong done by him, and that he ought to be relieved by an exoneration from any further claim against him on the part of the United States."

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the same; and that Mr. Bayard, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Spaight, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented according to order, a bill to incorporate the persons therein named and their associates, as a Mine and Metal Company; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, presented according to order, a bill to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeastly part of Martha's Vineyard; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of Francis B. Chandlear and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House, their agreement to the same.

The said report being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"That the object of the petitioners is to obtain an extension of the seventy-ninth section of the act of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' so as to include Fredericktown, on river Sassafra, in the routes allowed for the transportation of goods to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore. The committee perceiving no inconvenience relative to the revenue, which could arise from complying with the request of the petitioners, are of opinion, that the prayer of their petition ought to be granted."

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the said report, and that Mr. Bayard, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Linn, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.



And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

Lucas Elmendorf,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,

Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Joseph H. Nicholson,  
 John Randolph,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,

Richard Stanford,  
 Thomas Sumter,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum, and  
 Robert Williams.

*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry it to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the bill for the relief of William Nichols, late Marshal of Pennsylvania, be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Kent, Queen Anne, and Caroline counties, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Warwick, in Cecil county, to Greensborough, in Caroline county, by the routes designated in the said petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of William Ray and John Follawell was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for their services as soldiers, under the command of General Charles Scott, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, which they cannot receive at the War Office, in consequence of their names not being entered on the muster rolls.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Sylvanus Bourne, Consul General of the United States for the Batavian Republic, in behalf of himself and many of his colleagues residing in Europe, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed for allowing a general compensation to Consuls of the United States, for services by them rendered.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioners of the city of Washington, requesting that an arrangement may be made for the accommodation of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the Capitol.

*Ordered*, That the said letter be referred to Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Silas Lee.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-committed on the fifteenth instant, the report of the said committee on the petition of James Clark, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Solomon Boston; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Hooper." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee appointed, presented according to order, a bill giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink, and Sassafra; which was received, and read the first time.



On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported on Thursday last, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the report of the committee on the memorial of Matthew Patterson and others.

And the said resolution being again read, in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved*, That, for extending the benefits of civil government to the settlers on and near the head of French Broad river, it is expedient to cede to the State of South Carolina the right of soil and jurisdiction, in, of, and to, such part or parts of any lands which may be found to belong to the United States, and which lies to the South of the thirty-fifth degree of latitude, and contiguous to the Western boundary of that State, as will include the lands at present occupied by the said settlers.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Nott, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Harper, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill making the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeasterly part of Martha's Vineyard; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harper reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1801.

An engrossed bill to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeasterly part of Martha's Vineyard, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeasterly part of Martha's Vineyard."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Solomon Boston was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Solomon Boston."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Davies, of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, was presented to the House and read, stating that he has established a shot manufactory upon an extensive scale, adequate to the supply of the United States; and praying that an additional duty may be laid upon the importation of that article from foreign countries.

Also, a petition of Francis G. Deliesseline, of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina, praying the remission of the duties on a quantity of goods, wares, and merchandise, imported by the petitioner into the port of Charleston, in the said State, which were lost in the transportation from Charleston to Georgetown aforesaid.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the memorial of Edward Barns, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Edward Barns cannot be granted.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

I have received from Elias Boudinot, Esquire, Director of the Mint of the United States, a report of the second of January, representing the state of it ; together with an abstract of the coins struck at the Mint, from the first of January to the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred ; an abstract of the expenditures of the Mint, from the first of January to the thirty-first of December, inclusive ; a statement of gain on copper coined at the Mint, from the first of January, to the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred ; and a certificate from Joseph Richardson, Assayer of the Mint, ascertaining the value of Spanish milled doubloons, in proportion to the gold coins of the United States, to be no more than eighty-four cents, and 424-500 parts of a cent, for one pennyweight or twenty-eight grains, and 24256-84848 parts of a grain to one dollar. These papers I transmit to Congress for their consideration.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 17th*, 1801.

The said message, together with the papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Tobias Rudolph, made the sixth of March last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, relative to the expediency of continuing the act, entitled "An act in addition to the act entitled 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,'" passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1801.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Nathaniel Holmes, presented the thirteenth of May last, be referred to the Committee of Claims

A petition of Henry Pensinger, of the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and injuries received, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to was referred, on the twenty-first of November last, a motion for amending the Constitution of the United States, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision to prevent the concealing or harboring of slaves escaping from one State to another, and to and from the Territories of the United States ; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Macon, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Parker, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the better establishment of the post roads of the United States.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Bayard, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons who shall be elected, of their election ; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President.



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, relative to the expediency of continuing the act, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,'" passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1801.

A petition of Joseph Hodgson, of the city of Washington, was presented to the House and read, stating that, having contracted with the Secretary of War for the lease of a House, the property of the petitioner, for the use of the War Department, the said House while occupied by the said Department, was consumed by fire; and that, by the terms of the contract aforesaid, he conceives the United States are bound to make good his said loss, and praying relief therein.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be authorized to report a bill making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one.

Mr. Griswold, from the last mentioned committee, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the Navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and one; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of obliging the respective officers entrusted with the collection of the revenue, to enter into such bonds as will more effectually secure the payment of moneys received by them for the use of the United States; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Rutledge, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twentieth instant, the letter from the Commissioners of the city of Washington, relative to the accommodation of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Capitol, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That leave be given to the Commissioners of the city of Washington to use one of the rooms on the first floor of the Capitol for holding the present session of the Supreme Court of the United States.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire respecting the necessity of establishing a light-house on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, and to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The bill presented yesterday to provide for the better establishment of the post roads of the United States was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the government of the district of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, relative to the expediency of continuing the act, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,'" passed

the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained therein.

The resolution contained in the said report being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business be directed to prepare and bring in a bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,'" passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight :"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, the House being equally divided, to wit : Yeas 48, Nays 48.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the yeas.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are as follow :

#### YEAS.

##### The Speaker in the affirmative.

Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,

James H. Inlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

#### NAYS.

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
Benjamin Huger.

George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Abraham Nott,  
Josiah Parker,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro.



John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,

Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1801.

Several other members, to wit: from Kentucky, John Fowler; from Virginia, Samuel J. Cabell; and, from New York, Edward Livingston; appeared and took their seats in the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Sussex county, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Concord to Laurel, in the said county.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A memorial of Leonard Jarvis, of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed certain advances made by the petitioner for the use of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress may establish a system of legislation and government for the said District.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the government of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of sundry mechanics and manufacturers of the city of New York was presented to the House and read, praying that the attention of Congress may be directed to the encouragement and support of the manufacturing and mechanic arts within the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Alexander Roxburgh, Emory Sudler, jun. and Elizabeth, his wife, Benjamin Bird, Griffith Jones, David Jones, Philip Bush, and the bill, which passed the Senate at the last session of Congress, for the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nott, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to cede to the State of South Carolina certain lands therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether it be necessary to ascertain the Northwardly boundary line of the tract of land in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, reserved by the State of Virginia for satisfying the bounty

William Cooper,  
William Crak,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
John Dawson,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson.



William Edmond,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Abiel Foster,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Roger Griswold,  
John A. Hanna,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Joseph Heister,  
Archibald Henderson,  
David Holmes,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Michael Leib,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Abraham Nott,

Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John Smilie,  
John C. Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
James Sheafe,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
Richard Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
John Trigg,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln, and  
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bird,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Matthew Clay,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Edwin Gray,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,

Henry Lee,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
John Randolph,  
John Smith,  
Thomas Sumter, and  
Abram Trigg.

*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to discharge Samuel Lewis, senior, from his imprisonment;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry the same to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sassafra, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sassafra."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Madison county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the assessment of the property of the petitioners, by the assessors appointed under the act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Ways and Means relative to the expediency of repealing the act providing for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States.

A petition of James Scott, of Louisa county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the duties upon a certain quantity of spirits, distilled in the distillery of the petitioner; and, also, from

the duty imposed by law upon a certain still, the property of the petitioner, for certain reasons therein expressed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Asa Benjamin, of Stratford, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, stating that he has established a manufactory of cordage and cable in the said State; and praying that the same may be encouraged, by the laying of an additional duty upon the importation of those articles from foreign countries.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A memorial of Peyton Short and John Smith, purchasers of lands from John Cleves Symmes, within the limits prescribed by the act, entitled "An act for ascertaining the bounds of a certain tract of land purchased by John Cleves Symmes," was presented to the House and read, praying that the said Symmes may be allowed to complete his contract with the United States, by the payment of the moneys due thereon, or that they may be allowed the pre-emption right to the lands purchased as aforesaid, upon terms more favorable than those contained in the act, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchasers and settlers."

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Griffin Taylor, presented the nineteenth instant, and which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Davis, Mr. Woods, Mr. Imlay, and Mr. Nathan Read.

*Ordered*, That James Clark, who presented a petition to this House on the twenty-third ultimo, have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expenditure of money made by the Commissioners of the city of Washington; the disposition of public property made by them; and, generally, into all the transactions of the Commissioners which relate to the execution of the trust confided to them by the President of the United States; and that the committee report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Waln, Mr. Sheafe, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Henderson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to the resolution proposed by this House, for the appointment of a joint committee to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons who shall be elected of their election, and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President; and have appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, relative to the expediency of repealing the act providing for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States; to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed a motion for the appointment of a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," with a proviso, that nothing therein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the assessing and collecting of the direct tax imposed by an act passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and, also, a petition this day presented, of sundry inhabitants of Madison county, in the State of Virginia, complaining of the assessment of the property of the petitioners, by the assessors appointed under the act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report, motion, and petition, under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said report, and that the same be postponed until the third day of March next.

The said motion being then read, in the words following, to wit:



*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," with a proviso, that nothing therein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the assessing and collecting of the direct tax, imposed by an act passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into, and report on, the expediency of repealing so much of the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," and of any other act or acts as relate to the establishment, office, and duties, of surveyors of the revenue; and that the said committee be authorized to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Madison county, in the State of Virginia, this day presented, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1801.

A memorial of sundry merchants, of the city of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, stating the great inconvenience which has arisen to the memorialists by the operation of that part of the act, passed the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred, entitled "An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported," which relates to a duty on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported in foreign ships or vessels; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 25th of November last, the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, announcing his resignation; which committee was instructed, on the second ultimo, to examine into the state of the department of the Treasury; into the mode of conducting the business thereof; and into the expenditure of public money; and to report to this House such facts and statements as may conduce to a full understanding of the transactions of the Treasury, since the same has been under the superintendence of the officer now at the head of that department, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harper, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend and continue in force the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to consider whether any, and what, alterations are expedient in the rates of estimating foreign coins and currencies; with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Benjamin Kendrick, presented the third of February last, together with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the seventeenth of April last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeasterly part of Martha's Vineyard;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Boston." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported

that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1801.

A memorial of sundry merchants of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences which have arisen to the memorialists by the operation of that part of the act passed the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred, entitled "An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported," which relates to a duty on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported in foreign ships or vessels; and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Boston;" and the other entitled "An act to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeasterly part of Martha's Vineyard;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was, yesterday, referred the petition of Griffin Taylor, be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill giving the right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the same be recommitted to Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Morris, and Mr. M'Millan.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate the persons therein named, and their associates, as a Mine and Metal Company; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harper reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, together with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1801.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the persons therein named, and their associates, as a Mine and Metal Company, was read the third time.

*Ordered*, That the fifth section of the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harper reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said fifth section under consideration, and made one amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment to the fifth section be presently engrossed, and read the third time.

The said fifth section, as amended, being then brought in engrossed, and read the third time,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said bill as amended,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 50,  
  { Nays ..... 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.



Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Brown,  
John Condit,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Inlay,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
James Lynn,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
Samuel Smith,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
John Bird,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,

Michael Leib,  
Matthew Lyon,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to incorporate the persons therein named, and their associates, as a Mine and Metal Company;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry the same to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry Clerks employed in the different Departments was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salaries at present allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Also, a petition of Thomas Harris, of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for services rendered by the petitioner to the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Mary Hay, the elder, Alexander Hay, Henry B. Hay, and Mary Hay, the younger, widow and heirs of Charles Hay, deceased, praying that they may receive the benefits granted by the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated to the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," in

consequence of the services and sufferings of Charles Hay, the husband and father of the petitioners, on account of his attachment to the American cause, during the Revolutionary war.

Also, a petition of Francis Trouin, praying compensation for services rendered the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Lawrence Erb, late Collector of the Revenue of the United States, within the county of Northampton, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved from the confinement to which he is subjected, in consequence of his having converted to his own use moneys which he received as Collector as aforesaid, and is unable to refund.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Robert Brown, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Kitchell, with instruction to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Ohio, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the main post road from the city of Washington to the Northwest Territory and Kentucky, may pass through the Western parts of Pennsylvania to Wheeling, and from thence, through the Northwest Territory, to Limestone.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Annapolis, and of the town of Easton, and the neighborhoods thereof, praying that a post road may be established by the routes designated in the said petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of the President and Directors of the Mutual Assurance Society of the State of Virginia was presented to the House and read, praying that the policies of insurance of the said society may be exempted from the payment of the stamp duties imposed by the act, entitled "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper."

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

*Resolved*, That, in the event of its appearing upon the counting and ascertaining of the votes given for President and Vice President, according to the mode prescribed by the Constitution, that an equal number of votes have been given for two persons, that as soon as the same shall have been duly declared and entered on the journals of this House, that the Speaker, accompanied by the Members of the House, shall return to this Chamber, and shall immediately proceed to chuse one of the two candidates for President ; and in case, upon the first ballot, there shall not appear to be a majority of the States in favor of one of the candidates, in such case the House shall continue to ballot for President, without interruption by other business, until it shall appear that a President is duly chosen ; and, if no such choice should be made upon the first day, the House shall continue to ballot as aforesaid from day to day, till a choice shall be duly made :

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to Congress, for their consideration, a letter from William Thornton, Alexander White, and William Cranch, Esquires, Commissioners of the city of Washington, with a representation of the affairs of the city, made by them to the President of the United States, dated twenty-eighth of January, one thousand eight hundred and one, accompanied with a series of documents marked from A to H, inclusively.

JOHN ADAMS.

*United States, January 30th, 1801.*

The said message, and papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-seventh instant, to inquire into the expenditure of money made by the Commissioners of the city of Washington ; the disposition of public property made by them ; and, generally, into all the transactions of the Commissioners which relate to the execution of the trust confided to them by the President of the United States.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of sundry citizens, inhabitants of the County of Wayne, in the Territory of the



United States Northwest of the Ohio, made a report, in part; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States, be instructed to consider and report on the expediency of establishing a post road from Pittsburg to Detroit.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Boston;" and the other entitled "An act to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northwesterly part of Martha's Vineyard."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of sundry citizens, inhabitants of the County of Wayne, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, be authorized to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to cede to the State of South Carolina certain lands therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report by bill or otherwise, whether it is expedient so to amend the several acts concerning the naturalization of foreigners in the United States, as to admit to the benefits of the act on that subject, passed January the twenty-ninth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, all persons whose situation would have enabled them, before the passing of the act of June the eighteenth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, on the same subject, to make declaration, pursuant to the said act of January the twenty-ninth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, of their intention to become citizens of the United States, but who omitted to do so, and have constantly been residents of the United States; or to consider and report on the expediency of repealing the said act of June the eighteenth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Evans, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act, passed the eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject,'" so as admit aliens who were residents within the State, and under the jurisdiction of the United States, before the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and who have continued to reside as aforesaid, to become citizens of the United States:

*Ordered*, That the said motion be referred to the committee last appointed.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1801.

A new Member, to wit: Ebenezer Mattoon, returned to serve as a Member of this House for the State of Massachusetts, in the room of Samuel Lyman, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

An engrossed bill making the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Charles Hyde, a Captain in the first regiment of infantry, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered by the petitioner as Judge Advocate to the Army, under an appointment made by General Wayne, from the first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, to the sixteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, also, for the performance of similar duties, under an appointment made by General Wilkinson, from the sixth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the thirtieth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Archibald Binney and James Ronaldson, letter-founders, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of the duties paid by the petitioners upon a certain quantity of regulus of antimony, by them imported into the United States, for certain reasons therein expressed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the several memorials and petition of sundry mechanics and manufacturers of New York; of the Providence Association of mechanics and manufacturers; of the Asylum Company of journeymen printers of Philadelphia; and of John Davies, of Alexandria; made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient, at this time, farther to increase the duties on imported articles.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twentieth ultimo, the memorial of Sylvanus Bourne, and others, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Sylvanus Bourne and others cannot be granted.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the petition of Asa Benjamin, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Mr. Griswold, from the last mentioned committee, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petition of the President and Directors of the Mutual Assurance Society of the State of Virginia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report such rules, as, in their opinion, are proper to be adopted by this House, to be observed in the choice of a President of the United States, whose term is to commence on the fourth day of March next: If when the votes which have been given by the Electors appointed under the authority of the States, shall have been counted, as prescribed by the Constitution, it shall appear that no person for whom the Electors shall have voted, has a majority, or that more than one person, having such majority, have an equal number of votes:

*Ordered*, That Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Macon, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Foster, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Otis, Mr. Davis, Mr. Morris, Mr. Champin, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Linn, and Mr. Woods, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That the motion made on Friday last, relative to the mode of commencing and continuing the ballot for the choice of a President of the United States be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures;" which was received, and read the first time.



On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the last mentioned committee, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretaries of War and of the Treasury be directed to communicate to this House, such information as may be in their power, in relation to the destruction of official books and papers in their respective departments, by fire; designating particularly what description of books and papers has been lost thereby, and what the probable effect of such loss will be in the adjustment of the unsettled accounts of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the government of the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1801.

A new member, to wit: John Stewart, returned to serve as a member of this House for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of Thomas Hartley, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Theodosius Fowler was presented to the House and read, stating that a contract had been formed by the petitioner, with the Secretary of the Treasury, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, or one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, for supplying rations to certain troops in the service of the United States; which contract he entered into at the request of William Duer, deceased, but in which he, the petitioner, had no concern or interest whatever; that a large balance due upon the said contract, to the United States, is now claimed from the petitioner, and that a suit has been instituted against him for the recovery thereof; and praying that the said suit may be discontinued, or such other relief afforded to the petitioner, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress may seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Bird, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Henry Lee; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John D'Wolf, of the town of Bristol, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount recovered against the petitioner at the suit of the United States, being the penalty incurred on a bond given by the petitioner to the Collector for the port of Boston, conditioned for the delivery of a certain quantity of domestic distilled spirits, without the limits of the United States; a certificate of which delivery, the petitioner was required to produce to the Collector as aforesaid, but which was lost in the transmission thereof to the said Collector.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Chapman, a native of Great Britain, but at present a resident of Greenfield, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be admitted to the rights and privileges of an American citizen, for certain reasons therein expressed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the thirtieth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the laws respecting the naturalization of foreigners.

A petition of Henry Rutgers, Alexander Robinson, and Marinus Willet, of the city of

New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be released from the obligation of a bond entered into by the petitioners, for the faithful performance by the Collector of the port of New York of the duties of his said office; which Collector has been found delinquent to the United States to a large amount; in consideration of their having delivered up all the property of the said Collector to, and for the use and benefit of, the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Edmond; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments."

*Ordered*, That Mr. Otis, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. McMillan, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the thirtieth ultimo, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Boston;" and another entitled "An act to provide for the erection and support of a light-house on Cape Poge, at the Northeasterly part of Martha's Vineyard."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the bill giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, reported an amendatory bill giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Thursday next.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and report a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to employ Clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, agreeably to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,'" in those States where Clerks cannot be procured by the Commissioners for the compensation allowed by law to Clerks employed in that business.

Mr. Griswold, from the last mentioned committee, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States, and to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue,'" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the government of the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1801.

A petition of John Hall, Marshall of the United States for the District of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed in the settle-



ment of his accounts with the Treasury officers, the amount of certain sums disbursed by the petitioner by order of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said District, at a session thereof held in April last.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the City of Washington, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress may assume the jurisdiction of the Territory of Columbia, and frame such a code of laws for the Government thereof, as in their wisdom may seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the government of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Robert Brown, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his present confinement; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the petition of Francis G. Deliesseline, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to add to the District of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the Districts of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, and Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled, "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the government of the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to erect a Mausoleum for GEORGE WASHINGTON," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being read,

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1801.

An engrossed bill giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to add to the District of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the Districts of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, and Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to add to the District of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the Districts of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, and Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of Alexandria, signed by Amos Alexander, their chairman, was presented to the House and read, expressing their disapprobation of several of the provisions contained in the bill, now depending in the House, for the government of the District of Columbia.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the government of the District of Columbia.

A petition of Stephen Hopkins and Robert S. Burrough, weighers and measurers for the port and District of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of compensation allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased and rendered more adequate to their services.

Also, a petition of Turpin Kilby, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that a register may be granted for the schooner Weymouth, the property of the petitioner; the said schooner being an American built vessel, but deprived of her register in consequence of her capture by a French privateer; since which said capture, she has become the property of the petitioner.

Also, a petition of Maher and McDermott, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, praying the remission of the alien duty upon a quantity of rum, imported by the petitioners in the schooner Weymouth; the said schooner, as the petitioners conceive, being entitled to an American register.

Also, a petition of George William Erving, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, stating that, in consequence of his having disposed of a part of an island, called Baker's Island, for the use of the United States, and upon which a light-house has since been erected, the remaining part of the said island has been rendered useless to the petitioner and praying that the same may be purchased for the account of Government.

Also, a petition of Lyon Lehman, praying the remission of the duties upon a quantity of fire-arms, imported by the petitioner into the United States, for certain reasons expressed in the said petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States for certain balances, which, by the commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the several States, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hill, Mr. Waln, Mr. Harper, Mr. Otis, and Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire respecting the necessity of establishing light-houses on New Point Comfort, and Smith's Point, in the Chesapeake Bay.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the government of the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the act, entitled "An act to augment the salaries of the officers therein mentioned," ought to be continued in force and made perpetual.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Edmond, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed, on the second of December last, to



inquire into the expediency of carrying on any further trade with the Indians, on a capital furnished by the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Craik, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth of December last, the memorial of Thomas Herty, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of July, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1801.

A new member, to wit: Levi Lincoln, returned to serve in this House, as a member for Massachusetts, in the room of Dwight Foster, elected a Senator of the United States, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of James Crosby, of York county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the excise duties upon a quantity of distilled spirits, in consideration of the destruction of his distillery and materials used therein by fire.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Bird, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the purpose of ascertaining the Northwardly boundary line of a tract of land between the Little Miami and the Scioto rivers, reserved by the State of Virginia to satisfy the troops of the line of the said State, who, in the Revolutionary war, served on the Continental establishment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill for the government of the District of Columbia: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia."

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued, made a further report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision to secure the property of prints to inventors and engravers.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States during one year, prior to the first of October, one thousand eight hundred; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rutledge, from the committee appointed, on the second instant, to prepare and report such rules as, in their opinion, are proper to be adopted by this House to be observed in the choice of a President of the United States, made a report; which was read; and thereupon resolved, that this House will consider the said report on Monday next.

Mr. Harper, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to augment the salaries of the officers therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled, "An act to divide the territory of the United States into two separate Governments;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harper, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to extend to aliens who arrived and became residents in the United States, before a certain period, the benefits of the act of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, on the subject of naturalization ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Francis G. Deliesseline, made the fourth instant, and which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition said Francis G. Deliesseline cannot be granted.

*Ordered*, That the said Francis G. Deliesseline have leave to withdraw his petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled " An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States, and to repeal the act, entitled ' An act to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue ;' " and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1801.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nott have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

A memorial of Aaron Wait and Jerathamael Peirce, merchants, of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be permitted to receive the amount of the debentures for drawback of duties, on certain goods, wares, and merchandise, exported by the memorialists to the port of New Orleans ; which debentures were granted by the Collector of the said port, at the time of exportation as aforesaid, but which, by a subsequent construction of the law, the Collector now conceives himself unauthorized to pay.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Samuel Gibbs, of the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of two Loan Office certificates, the property of Gilbert Palmer, which have been lost or destroyed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the several memorials and petitions of Alexander Roxburgh and others, praying the renewal of lost or destroyed certificates.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the fifth instant, the memorial of Turpin Kilby, and of Maher and M'Dermott, made a report thereon : which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Turpin Kilby, and of Maher and M'Dermott, cannot be granted ; and that the memorialists, respectively, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petition of Thomas Harris, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Thomas Harris cannot be granted.



*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the memorial of sundry clerks employed in the different departments, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Rutledge, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes given for President and Vice President of the United States ; of notifying the persons elected of their election, and the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President, reported that the committee had taken the subject referred to them under consideration, but had come to no agreement thereupon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate will be ready to receive the House of Representatives in the Senate Chamber, on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of being present at the opening and counting of the votes for President of the United States. The Senate have appointed a teller on their part, to make a list of the votes for President of the United States as they shall be declared. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report made on Friday last, from the committee appointed to prepare and report rules proper to be observed in the choice of a President of the United States : Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with an amendment ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read.

The House then proceeded to consider the report at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said report, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do disagree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the fourth rule contained in the said report, in the words following, to wit :

"4th. After commencing the balloting for President, the House shall not adjourn until a choice be made :"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 47,  
  { Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
George Baer,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,

David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Robert Page,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,

David Stone,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,

John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Imlay,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Robert Williams,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do disagree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the fifth rule contained in the said report, in the words following, to wit :

“ 5th. The doors of the House shall be closed during the balloting, except against the officers of the House : ”

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 45,  
  { Nays ..... 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,

Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Michael Leib,  
Matthew Lyon,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,



John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,

Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,

Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Levi Lincoln,  
James Lynn,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said report, as amended, in the words following, to wit :

“ That the following rules be observed in the choice by the House of Representatives of a President of the United States, whose term is to commence on the fourth day of March next.

“ 1st. In the event of its appearing, upon the counting and ascertaining of the votes given for President and Vice President, according to the mode prescribed by the Constitution, that no person has a constitutional majority, and the same shall have been duly declared and entered on the Journals of this House, the Speaker, accompanied by the members of the House, shall return to their chamber.

“ 2d. Seats shall be provided in this House for the President and members of the Senate ; and notification of the same shall be made to the Senate.

“ 3d. The House, on their return from the Senate Chamber, it being ascertained that the constitutional number of States are present, shall immediately proceed to chuse one of the persons from whom the choice is to be made for President ; and in case upon the first ballot there shall not appear to be a majority of the States in favor of one of them, in such case the House shall continue to ballot for a President, without interruption by other business, until it shall appear that a President is duly chosen.

“ 4th. After commencing the balloting for President, the House shall not adjourn until a choice be made.

“ 5th. The doors of the House shall be closed during the balloting, except against the officers of the House.

“ 6th. In balloting, the following mode shall be observed, to wit : The representatives of the respective States shall be so seated, that the delegation of each State shall be together. The representatives of each State, shall, in the first instance, ballot among themselves, in order to ascertain the votes of the State ; and it shall be allowed, where deemed necessary by the delegation, to name one or more persons of the representation, to be tellers of the ballots. After the vote of each State is ascertained, duplicates thereof shall be made ; and in case the vote of the State be for one person, then the name of that person shall be written on each of the duplicates ; and in case the ballots of the State be equally divided, then the word “ *divided* ” shall be written on each du-

uplicate, and the said duplicates shall be deposited in manner hereafter prescribed, in boxes to be provided. That, for the conveniently taking the ballots of the several representatives of the respective States, there be sixteen ballot boxes provided; and that there be additionally, two boxes provided for the purpose of receiving the votes of the States; that after the delegation of each State shall have ascertained the vote of the State, the Serjeant-at-Arms shall carry to the respective delegations the two ballot boxes, and the delegation of each State, in the presence and subject to the examination of all the members of the delegation, shall deposit a duplicate of the vote of the State in each ballot box; and where there is more than one representative of a State, the duplicates shall not both be deposited by the same person. When the votes of the States are all thus taken in, the Serjeant-at-Arms shall carry one of the general ballot boxes to one table, and the other to a second and separate table. Sixteen members shall then be appointed as tellers of the ballots; one of whom shall be taken from each State, and be nominated by the delegation of the State from which he was taken. The said tellers shall be divided into two equal sets, according to such agreement as shall be made among themselves; and one of the said sets of tellers shall proceed to count the votes in one of the said boxes; and the other set the votes in the other box; and in the event of no appointment of teller by any delegation, the Speaker shall in such case appoint. When the votes of the States are counted by the respective sets of tellers, the result shall be reported to the House; and if the reports agree, the same shall be accepted as the true votes of the States; but if the reports disagree, the States shall immediately proceed to a new ballot, in manner aforesaid.

"7th. If either of the persons voted for, shall have a majority of the votes of all the States, the Speaker shall declare the same; and official notice thereof shall be immediately given to the President of the United States, and to the Senate.

"8th. All questions which shall arise after the balloting commences, and which shall be decided by the House voting per capita, to be incidental to the power of choosing the President, and which shall require the decision of the House, shall be decided by States, and without debate; and in case of an equal division of the votes of States, the question shall be lost."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1801.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and exported therefrom, during the years 1797, 1798, and 1799, made in pursuance of a resolution of the House, of the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the memorial of Lyon Lehman, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, the petition of Francis Trouin, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Francis Trouin cannot be granted.

Mr. Macon, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petition of Nathaniel Holmes, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the account of Major Nathaniel Holmes, and to allow him such sums of money as shall appear to have been paid by him, for transporting and victualling a detachment of troops from his battalion, in the winter of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, from Cape May to Trenton.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the late fires



in the War and Treasury Departments, and to report their opinion thereon to the House, with such facts and documents as may, in their opinion, be necessary for explaining the subject fully ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Macon, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Harper, and Mr. Waln, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof;" which was received, and read the first time : Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next ;

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 40.  
  { Nays ..... 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,  
John Bird,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Imlay,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
George Baer,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
James A. Bayard,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
John Brown,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
William Craik,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,

John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Henry Lee,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Abraham Nott,  
Robert Page,  
Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,

**John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.**

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 59,  
{ Nays..... 37.

Aaron Kitchell,  
Henry Lee,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Robert Page,  
Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Chew Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Abraham Nott,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

And so the said bill was rejected.



Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
William Craik,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,

George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Thomas Evans,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
William H. Hill,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,

Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

*Resolved*, That this House will attend in the Chamber of the Senate, on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of being present at the opening and counting of the votes for President and Vice President of the United States; that Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Nicholas be appointed tellers, to act jointly with the teller appointed on the part of the Senate, to make a list of the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, which shall be entered on the Journals; and if it shall appear that a choice hath been made agreeably to the Constitution, such entry on the Journals shall be deemed a sufficient declaration thereof.

*Ordered*, The Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1801.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That all letters and packets to John Adams, now President of the United States, after the expiration of his term of office, and during his life, may be transmitted by post, free of postage.

*Ordered*, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Otis, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Shepard, be appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On this day, being the day by law appointed for counting the votes of the Electors of President and Vice President, there were present the following Representatives, respectively, that is to say:

From New Hampshire,

{ Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
James Sheafe, and  
Samuel Tenney.

From Massachusetts,

{ Theodore Sedgwick, *Speaker*,  
John Reed,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
William Shepard,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Silas Lee,  
Lemuel Williams,  
George Thatcher,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Nathan Read,  
Levi Lincoln, and  
Ebenezer Mattoon.



From Connecticut,

{ John Davenport,  
Roger Griswold,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
William Edmond, and  
John C. Smith.

From Vermont,

{ Matthew Lyon, and  
Lewis R. Morris.

From Rhode Island,

{ Christopher G. Champlin, and  
John Brown.

From New York,

{ John Smith,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Jonas Platt,  
Henry Glen,  
John Thompson,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
John Bird,  
William Cooper,  
Lucas Elmendorf, and  
Edward Livingston.

From New Jersey,

{ James Linn,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
John Condit,  
James H. Inlay, and  
Franklin Davenport.

From Pennsylvania,

{ Robert Brown,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Michael Leib,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
John Smilie,  
John Stewart,  
Richard Thomas,  
Robert Waln, and  
Henry Woods.

From Delaware,

James A. Bayard,

From Maryland,

{ John Chew Thomas,  
Samuel Smith,  
Gabriel Christie,  
William Craik,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
George Dent,  
George Baer, and  
John Dennis.

From Virginia,

{ Samuel J. Cabell,  
Matthew Clay,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Thomas Evans,  
Samuel Goode,  
Edwin Gray,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Henry Lee,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,

Virginia—*Continued.*

Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg, and  
Littleton W. Tazewell.

From North Carolina,

Willis Alston,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Barry Grove,  
Archibald Henderson  
William H. Hill,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone, and  
Robert Williams.

From South Carolina,

Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Benjamin Huger,  
Abraham Nott,  
Thomas Pinckney, and  
John Rutledge.

From Georgia,

Benjamin Taliaferro.

From Kentucky,

{ John Fowler, and  
{ Thomas T. Davis.

From Tennessee,

William Charles Cole Claiborne.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, then went into the Senate Chamber, and took seats therein, when both Houses being assembled,

Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Nicholas, the tellers on the part of this House, together with Mr. Wells, the teller on the part of the Senate, took seats at a table provided for them, in the front of the President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificates of the electors of the several States, beginning with the State of New Hampshire; and as the votes were read, the tellers on the part of each House, counted and took lists of the same, which, being compared, were delivered to the President of the Senate, and are as follow :



	Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia.	Aaron Burr, of New York.	John Adams, of Massachusetts.	Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, of South Carolina.	John Jay, of New York.
New Hampshire, - - - - -	-	-	6	6	
Massachusetts, - - - - -	-	-	16	16	
Rhode Island, - - - - -	-	-	4	3	1
Connecticut, - - - - -	-	-	9	9	
Vermont, - - - - -	-	-	4	4	
New York, - - - - -	12	12			
New Jersey, - - - - -	-	-	7	7	
Pennsylvania, - - - - -	8	8	7	7	
Delaware, - - - - -	-	-	3	3	
Maryland, - - - - -	5	5	5	5	
Virginia, - - - - -	21	21			
North Carolina, - - - - -	8	8	4	4	
South Carolina, - - - - -	8	8			
Georgia, - - - - -	4	4			
Kentucky, - - - - -	4	4			
Tennessee, - - - - -	3	3			
	73	73	65	64	1

## RECAPITULATION OF THE VOTES OF THE ELECTORS.

Thomas Jefferson, - - - - -	73
Aaron Burr, - - - - -	73
John Adams, - - - - -	65
Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, - - - - -	64
John Jay, - - - - -	1

The President of the Senate, in pursuance of the duty enjoined upon him, announced the state of the votes to both Houses, and declared that Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia, and Aaron Burr, of New York, having the greatest number, and a majority of the votes of all the electors appointed, and being equal, it remained for the House of Representatives to determine the choice.

The two Houses then separated; and the House of Representatives being returned to their Chamber, proceeded in the manner prescribed by the Constitution to the choice of a President of the United States, and the following members were appointed tellers of the respective States, to examine ballots of each State, pursuant to the sixth rule adopted by the House on the ninth instant, to wit:

For the State of

New Hampshire,  
Massachusetts,  
Rhode Island,  
Connecticut,  
Vermont,  
New York,  
New Jersey,  
Pennsylvania,  
Delaware,  
Maryland,  
Virginia,  
North Carolina,  
South Carolina,  
Georgia,  
Kentucky,  
Tennessee,

Abiel Foster,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
Roger Griswold,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
James Lynn,  
Albert Gallatin,  
James A. Bayard,  
George Dent,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Fowler,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne.

\* The members of the respective States then proceeded to ballot in the manner prescribed by the rule aforesaid, and the tellers appointed by the States respectively, hav-

\* During the time the States were employed in balloting, sundry messages from the President of the United States, from the Senate, and communications from Departments, were received, and reports from committees made; but it being contrary to the rules established on the ninth instant, for the House to take them into consideration at that time, they were taken up and acted upon after the balloting had been completed, and the final result declared, to wit :

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1801.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States." And then he withdrew.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1801.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act making the port of Biddeford, and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same." And then he withdrew.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1801.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1801.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" and the other entitled "An act making the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.





*Ordered*, That the next ballot be repeated at nine o'clock, and not before.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the sixteenth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated in one hour.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the seventeenth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at eleven o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the eighteenth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

A motion was then made and seconded that the ballot be repeated to-morrow at eleven o'clock, and not before.

The question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at twelve o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the nineteenth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated in one hour.

#### FEBRUARY 12, 1801—1 o'clock, A. M.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twentieth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at two o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-first ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at half after two o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-second ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at four o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-third ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at five o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-fourth ballot, and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at six o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-fifth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at seven o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-sixth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at eight o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-seventh ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at twelve o'clock, and not before.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-eighth ballot; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated to-morrow at eleven o'clock, and not before.



## FEBRUARY 13, 1801.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the twenty-ninth ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated to-morrow at twelve o'clock, and not before.

## FEBRUARY 14, 1801.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirtieth ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at one o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirty-first ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at two o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirty-second ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at three o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirty-third ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated on Monday next at twelve o'clock, and not before.

## FEBRUARY 16, 1801.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirty-fourth ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated to-morrow at twelve o'clock, and not before.

## FEBRUARY 17, 1801.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirty-fifth ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, the result was declared to be the same.

*Ordered*, That the ballot be repeated at one o'clock.

The time agreed upon by the last mentioned vote being expired, the States proceeded in manner aforesaid to the thirty-sixth ballot ; and, upon examination thereof, and the result being reported by the tellers to the Speaker, the Speaker declared to the House that the votes of ten States had been given for Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia ; the votes of four States for Aaron Burr, of New York ; and that the votes of two States had been given in blank ; and that, consequently, Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia, had been, agreeably to the Constitution, elected President of the United States, for the term four years, commencing on the fourth day of March next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Tazewell, and Mr. Bayard, be appointed a committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that Thomas Jefferson is elected President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next.

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that Thomas Jefferson has been duly elected President of the United States, for the term of four years, commencing on the fourth day of March next ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House cause to be printed one thousand copies of the act passed this session, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States," for the use of the members of both Houses of Congress.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory, enclosing a petition from sundry inhabitants of the said Territory, praying that Congress will suspend the operation of so much of the act, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" which establishes a second grade of territorial government in the said Territory; and that a law may be passed extending the same privileges to the said inhabitants as have been granted to the inhabitants of the Indiana Territory.

*Ordered,* That the said petition do lie on the table.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the towns of Richmond and Manchester, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be permitted to enter their goods, secure and pay the duties thereon, with the collector of either of the said ports, as may best suit the convenience of the memorialists.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Robert Muir, a native of Scotland, now residing in the county of Martin, in the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying to be admitted to the rights and privileges of an American citizen, for certain reasons expressed in the said petition.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to extend to aliens who arrived and became residents in the United States before a certain period, the benefit of the act of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, on the subject of naturalization.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, a particular detail of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated by the acts of the fourth of May and sixth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and of the tenth of May, one thousand eight hundred, for the purpose of purchasing cannon and arms, or fabricating the same, and the purchasing, leasing, and establishing, of foundries and armories; shewing the quantity of cannon and arms purchased or manufactured; the foundries and armories established, and what lands have been purchased for the purposes of erecting foundries, together with their respective quantities and situations; also, a list of the warrants drawn on those appropriations, specifying in whose favor each warrant was drawn, and for what purpose.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for extending the privilege of franking to John Adams, now President of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes; which was received, and read the third time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the tonnage of the United States at the close of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Samuel Dexter, acting as Secretary of War, enclosing a report made in pursuance of a resolution of the House of the second instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1801.

An engrossed bill for extending the privilege of franking to John Adams, now President of the United States, was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for extending the privilege of franking to John Adams, now President of the United States."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry merchants of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, was



presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties upon a quantity of teas, the property of the petitioners, which were deposited in the custom-house stores of the said port, and consumed by fire on the twenty-first day of January last; also, a petition of Jonathan Very, praying that he may be allowed to receive the bounty upon a certain vessel employed by the petitioner in the cod fisheries, which by law is allowed vessels so employed, notwithstanding that the crew of said vessel, owing to stress of weather, were obliged to abandon her before the completion of the time limited by law, which would have entitled him to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Gerrard Briscoe, late a Captain in the eighth regiment of infantry, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed to receive the amount of certain extra expenses incurred by him whilst employed in the recruiting service.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Delaware and Maryland was presented to the House and read, praying that more efficient measures may be adopted by Congress, for the recovery of slaves escaping from their masters, and taking refuge in any of the neighboring States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of making further provision to prevent the concealing or harboring of slaves escaping from one State to another, and to and from the Territories of the United States.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of John D'Wolf, made a report; which was read and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, on Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Holmes, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the petition of Griffin Taylor, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Griffin Taylor cannot be granted.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's speech as respects seasonable and systematic arrangements, proportioned to our national resources, for a Navy adapted to defensive purposes, presented, according to order, a bill providing for a Naval Peace Establishment, and other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill respecting navy yards, and timber for Naval purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to establish the District of Bristol, and to annex the towns of Kittery and Berwick to the District of Portsmouth;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Thatcher, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States, presented, according to order, a bill further to alter and establish certain post roads; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Samuel Smith be appointed on the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's speech as respects seasonable and systematic arrangements proportioned to our national resources, for a Navy adapted to defensive purposes, in the room of Mr. Nott, who has obtained leave of absence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have resolved that a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to consider whether any, and, if any, what, measures ought to be adopted for the further accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing the fourth day of March next, to report by bill, bills, or otherwise ; and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Baldwin, be this committee. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message of the Senate : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Kitchell, and Mr. Macon, be the committee on the part of this House, for the purpose expressed in the message of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred one ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," and to repeal the act, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the surveyors of the revenue ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1801.

\*An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one was read the third time.



*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," and to repeal the act, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the surveyors of the revenue," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,' and to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to enlarge the powers of the surveyors of the revenue.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant was presented to the House and read, praying for a due recompense for his services, while he was employed under the direction of the late General Washington, in planning and conducting the public buildings at the City of Washington, for which services the petitioner conceives he has not been sufficiently remunerated.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of John Alden and others, merchants, of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of the duties on a quantity of salt imported by the petitioners into the United States; the said salt having been lost in the transportation from New Bedford, aforesaid, to New York.

A motion was made and seconded that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures,

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A petition of sundry surveyors of the revenue, of the district of Massachusetts, appointed under the acts of Congress providing for the valuation of lands, and laying a direct tax within the United States, was presented to the House and read, stating the inadequacy of the compensation at present allowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to discharge Samuel Lewis, senior, from his imprisonment." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for extending the privilege of franking to John Adams, now President of the United States," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment to the last mentioned bill: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Hugh White and Richard Martin, referred to him on the twenty-first of April last; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-second of December last, to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargant, Governor of the

Mississippi Territory, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second of December last, the representation of the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of George William Erwing, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

*Ordered*, That the committee appointed, on the seventeenth instant, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that Thomas Jefferson is elected President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next, be instructed to notify the President elect thereof.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Archibald Binney and James Ronaldson, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it would be improper to comply with that part of the prayer of the petition which requests the return of duties ; and that a compliance with the second part, may, with more propriety, be considered hereafter, when the subject of duties on imports shall be fully before Congress.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled " An act making the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same ;" and the other entitled " An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the times of holding the Courts of the United States, and to report by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Silas Lee, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Elizur Goodrich, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled " An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal part of an act, entitled " An act in addition to the act, entitled ' An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,' and to continue in force the residue of the same ; which was received, and read the first time.

A motion was then made and seconded, and the question thereupon being taken, to wit :

Shall this bill be rejected ?

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 50,  
  { Nays ..... 49.

The Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,

Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,



Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
Benjamin Huger,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Josiah Parker,

John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodore Sedgwick, *Speaker*,  
George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,

James H. Imlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Hill, from the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States for certain balances which, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the several States, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States, made a report.

Mr. Hill, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to extinguish the claims of the United States, for certain balances reported to be due from several of the States to the United States; which was read.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the said report and bill, be postponed until the third day of March next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20. 1801.

A petition of Mathias Stroyer, of Taney Town, in the County of Frederick, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, stating that whilst employed

Also, a petition of Margaret Culbertson, widow of Samuel Culbertson, deceased, late of the Yellow Springs, in the County of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the amount of the damages ascertained to be due to her deceased husband from the United States, in consideration of the use and occupancy of a farm in the tenure of the deceased, on which a Continental hospital was erected, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

A petition of sundry persons residing on lands belonging to the United States, and lying between the waters of the Muskingum and Scioto rivers, in the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed a pre-emption right to the lands on which the petitioners are settled, on terms more favorable than those heretofore granted to them by law.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the Speaker be excused from deciding whether the said motion is in order or not.

And it passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 49,  
  { Nays ..... 54.

Matthew Lyon,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thomson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,



Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Samuel Goode,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 William H. Hill,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Inlay,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Henry Lee,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Levi Lincoln,

Ebenezer Mattoon,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Robert Page,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 Leven Powell,  
 John Reed,  
 Nathan Read,  
 John Rutledge,  
 William Shepard,  
 John C. Smith,  
 James Sheafe,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 Richard Thomas,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Robert Waln,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

And so the said motion was decided not to be in order.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the power of the Speaker, or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, shall not be construed to extend (unless by consent of the House, previously obtained, or in case of disorderly behavior) to the expulsion of any person, either from the lobby, when introduced by any Member of the House, or from the gallery, when the same is generally opened.

The previous question was called for by five members, to wit : “ Shall the main question to agree to the said motion be now put ? ”

Whereupon, the said question being under consideration, Mr. Livingston having addressed the Speaker, did, in the opinion of the Speaker, proceed to debate the main question, and being thereupon called to order by the Speaker, the said member did not immediately sit down, pursuant to the rule of the House, and was thereupon again called to order by the Speaker : Whereupon,

An appeal was made to the House from the decision of the Speaker,  
 And, on the question of concurring with the Speaker in his said decision,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 60,  
 { Nays ..... 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 John Bird,  
 John Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 William Cooper,  
 William Craik,  
 Samuel W. Dana,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,

Samuel Goode,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 William H. Hill,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Inlay,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Henry Lee,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Levi Lincoln,  
 Ebenezer Mattoon,  
 Lewis R. Morris,

Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John Smith,

John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Elmendorf,  
John Fowler,  
Edwin Gray,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Michael Leib,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,

Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
Robert Williams.

The previous question upon the said motion being then taken, in the words following, to wit :

“ Shall the main question to agree to the same, be now put ? ”

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 50,  
  { Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Lucas Ehnendorf,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,

Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,



Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,

Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Samuel Goode,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Inlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

And so the said motion was lost.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as follows :

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

I transmit to Congress a report received this morning from Elias Boudinot, esquire, Director of the Mint, dated February the thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and one, which will require the attention and decision of Congress, before the close of the session.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *February 20, 1801.*

The said message, and report accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to John Adams ;" and the other entitled "An act to discharge Samuel Lewis, senior, from his imprisonment ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of December last, the petition of Charles Tomkins, in behalf of Arnold Henry Dohrman, and others, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be authorized to issue a patent for the thirteenth township in the seventh range, to Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives, agreeable to a resolution of Congress, of the first day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

*Ordered,* That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the eighteenth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House : one entitled "An act making the port

of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, and the port of New Bedford, in Massachusetts, ports of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same ;” and another entitled “ An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to revive and continue “ An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a Health Officer.”

*Ordered*, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, and that they do prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee appointed, on the seventeenth instant, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that Thomas Jefferson is elected President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth of March next, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill to amend the act, entitled “ An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,” and the same being read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk’s table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the several petitions of Alexander Roxburgh, Emory Sudler, and Elizabeth his wife, Benjamin Bird, Griffith Jones, David Jones, Philip Bush; and a bill which passed the Senate at the last session of Congress, for the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same: Whereupon,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1801.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled “ An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,” was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “ An act directing the mode of estimating certain foreign coins and currencies, and of making out invoices in certain cases.”

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Miles Riley and others, of the county of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive a balance of pay, which they state to be due them for services rendered the United States, as soldiers in the Army ordered out to suppress the insurrection in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Stephen Russell, a native of Great Britain, now employed as a mariner in the merchant’s service, out of the port of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be admitted to the rights and privileges of an American citizen, for certain reasons expressed in the said petition.

Also, a petition of Ronald Donaldson, to the same effect.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill “ to extend to aliens who arrived and became residents in the United States before a certain period, the benefits of the act of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five on the subject of naturalization.”

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Delaware and Maryland was presented to the House and read, praying that more efficient measures may be adopted by Congress for the recovery of slaves escaping from their masters and taking refuge in any of the neighboring States.



*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of making further provision to prevent the concealing or harboring of slaves escaping from one State to another, and to and from the Territories of the United States.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee instructed on the eighteenth instant to wait on the President elect, to notify him of his election, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and addressed the President elect in the following words, to wit :

“The committee beg leave to express their wishes for the prosperity of your administration ; and their sincere desire that it may promote your own happiness and the welfare of our country.”

To which the President elect was pleased to make the following reply :

“I receive, gentlemen, with profound thankfulness, this testimony of confidence from the great Representative Council of our nation : It fills up the measure of that grateful satisfaction which had already been derived from the suffrages of my fellow-citizens themselves, designating me as one of those to whom they were willing to commit this charge, the most important of all others to them. In deciding between the candidates, whom their equal vote presented to your choice, I am sensible that age has been respected rather than more active and useful qualifications.

“I know the difficulties of the station to which I am called, and feel, and acknowledge, my incompetence to them : But, whatsoever of understanding, whatsoever of diligence, whatsoever of justice, or of affectionate concern for the happiness of man, it has pleased Providence to place within the compass of my faculties, shall be called forth for the discharge of the duties confided to me, and for procuring to my fellow-citizens all the benefits which our Constitution has placed under the guardianship of the General Government.

“Guided by the wisdom and patriotism of those to whom it belongs to express the legislative will of the nation, I will give to that will a faithful execution.

“I pray you, gentlemen, to convey to the honorable body from which you are deputed, the homage of my humble acknowledgments, and the sentiments of zeal and fidelity by which I shall endeavor to merit these proofs of confidence from the nation, and its representatives ; and accept, yourselves, my particular thanks for the obliging terms in which you have been pleased to communicate their will.

“THOMAS JEFFERSON.

“*February 20, 1801.*”

*Ordered*, That the message from the President of the United States respecting the Mint, presented yesterday, be referred to the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

The enclosed report to me, made by the acting Secretary of War, on the fourteenth of this month, appears to be so well founded in all respects, that I recommend it to the consideration of Congress.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *February 20, 1801.*

The said message, and report accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Otis, and Mr. Tenney.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom was this day referred the message of the President of the United States, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is expedient that the Mint remain in the city of Philadelphia until the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, and that, during the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia, it is expedient that the duties now enjoined on the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary and Comptroller of the Treasury, the Secretary for the Department of State, and the Attorney General of the United States, by the eighteenth section of the act, entitled “An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,” passed the second day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be performed by ———.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Platt, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill concerning the Mint ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Platt, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia;" to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed the bill for the government of the District of Columbia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal part of an act, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,' and to continue in force the residue of the same ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On the question that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading,

It passed in the negative,    { Yeas ..... 49,  
   { Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,  
James H. Imlay,

John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Wain,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,

Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,



Matthew Clay,  
 William C. C. Claiborne,  
 John Condit,  
 Thomas T. Davis,  
 John Dawson,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 Lucas Elmendorf,  
 John Fowler,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Samuel Goode,  
 Edwin Gray,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 David Holmes,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 George Jackson,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 Michael Leib,  
 Levi Lincoln,  
 Matthew Lyon,  
 James Lynn,  
 Edward Livingston,

Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Joseph H. Nicholson,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 John Randolph,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 David Stone,  
 Thomas Sumter,  
 John Stewart,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Littleton W. Tazewell,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum, and  
 Robert Williams.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, relative to the disposition of the public property in his possession, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Joint Committee appointed, on the eighteenth instant, to inquire what further measures ought to be taken for the accommodation of the President of the United States.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole House to whom was yesterday referred the report of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Alexander Roxburgh and others: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth disagree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said report, and doth agree to the report of the Committee of Claims. And thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the several petitions of Alexander Roxburgh, Emory Sudler, junior, and wife, Benjamin Bird, Griffith Jones, David Jones, Philip Bush, Tobias Rudolph, Samuel Gibbs, and Benjamin Kendrick, ought not to be granted.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made the sixth instant, and which lay on the table, relative to an augmentation of the salaries of certain District Judges: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1801.

An engrossed bill declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Notley Young and others, of the City of Washington, was presented to the House and read, praying that the consent of Congress may be given to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, for erecting a bridge over the Eastern branch of the Potomac river.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. John Chew Thomas, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Dennis.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the District of Bristol, and to annex the towns of Kittery and Berwick to the District of Portsmouth," reported that, in the opinion of the committee, it would be proper for the House to agree to the said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the memorial of Aaron Wait and Jerathamael Peirce, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Aaron Wait and Jerathamael Peirce cannot be granted.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, the petition of Jonathan Very, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said Jonathan Very cannot be granted.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, the petition of James Crosby, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition of the said James Crosby cannot be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, the petition of sundry merchants of the town of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, relative to an augmentation of the salaries of certain District Judges ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to augment the salaries of the District Judges for the Districts of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, respectively.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Platt, from the last mentioned committee, presented, according to order, a bill to augment the salaries of the District Judges in the Districts of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, respectively ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail, and so much of the act laying certain duties on snuff and refined sugar as respects a duty on refined sugar ; on property sold at auction ; and on carriages for the conveyance of persons." And then he withdrew.



On motion,

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to inquire what alterations ought to be made in the times of holding the Courts of the United States, be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the place of holding a Court from Baird's town to Frankfort; and report their opinion thereupon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to establish the District of Bristol, and to annex the towns of Kittery and Berwick to the District of Portsmouth;" and the other entitled "An act to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail, and so much of the act laying certain duties on snuff and refined sugar as respects a duty on refined sugar; on property sold at auction; and on carriages for the conveyance of persons;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be authorized to report a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office."

Mr. Griswold, from the last mentioned committee, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia," to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed the bill for the government of the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bills under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the bill from the Senate, with several amendments; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be engrossed, and, together with the said bill, be read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1801.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 57,  
 { Nays ..... 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
 George Baer,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 John Bird,  
 John Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 William Cooper,  
 William Craik,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 David Holmes,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Imlay,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Silas Lee,

Levi Lincoln,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Ebenezer Mattoon,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Robert Page,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 Leven Powell,  
 John Reed,  
 Nathan Read,  
 John Rutledge,  
 William Shepard,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 John C. Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 David Stone,  
 James Sheafe,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 Richard Thomas,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Robert Waln,  
 Robert Williams,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
 Phaniel Bishop,  
 Robert Brown,  
 Samuel J. Cabell,  
 Matthew Clay,  
 William C. C. Claiborne,  
 John Condit,  
 Thomas T. Davis,  
 John Dawson,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 Lucas Elmendorf,  
 John Fowler,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Edwin Gray,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 George Jackson,

Aaron Kitchell,  
 Michael Leib,  
 Matthew Lyon,  
 James Lynn,  
 Edward Livingston,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Joseph H. Nicholson,  
 John Randolph,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 John Stewart,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Littleton W. Tazewell,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
 Joseph B. Varnum.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of James Denniston, of Ohio county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of injuries received, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report, made in pursuance of a resolution of this House on the second instant, relative to the destruction of official books and papers by the late fire in the building occupied by the Treasury Department; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.



Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to discharge Samuel Lewis, senior, from his imprisonment;" and the other entitled "An act for extending the privilege of franking to John Adams, now President of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawback for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to direct to be laid before this House, an account of the depredations committed on the commerce of the United States by vessels of Great Britain, of which complaint has been made to the Government.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bayard and Mr. Rutledge be appointed a committee to wait on the President of the United States with the foregoing resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ Clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of amending the act, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,' so far as relates to the compensation of the Receivers of Public Moneys; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Gallatin, Mr. McMillan, and Mr. John Brown, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the ninth of December last, the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of John Boushogg, be discharged from the further consideration of the said report, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to direct such an arrangement of the chamber of this House as will be best adapted to the preservation of order.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Mattoon, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Foster, Mr. Morris, Mr. John C. Smith, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Harper, Mr. Baer, Mr. Woods, Mr. Inlay, Mr. Champlin, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Bayard, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to alter and to establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirty-first of December last, the memorial of Pleasant Henderson and others, inhabitants of the State of North Carolina, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is unnecessary for this House to adopt any further measures, at this time, on the subject of the memorial of Pleasant Henderson and others.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to divide the Terri-

tory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes," and had found the said to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of sundry merchants of the town of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, made the twenty-third instant ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to report a bill to exonerate the petitioners from the payment of duties on such goods as were deposited under the care of the officers of the customs at the time they were consumed by fire.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1801.

An engrossed bill further to alter and to establish certain post roads was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act further to alter and to establish certain post roads.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twentieth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants in the Northwestern Territory, made a report : which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petition cannot be granted.

*Ordered*, That the committee appointed, yesterday, to inquire into the propriety of amending the act, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,'" so far as relates to the compensation of the Receivers of Public Moneys, be also instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending the same law, so far as relates to the rule according to which discounts shall be calculated in case of prompt payment, and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Bird, from the committee to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of Theodosius Fowler, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause a revision of the accounts of Theodosius Fowler, under the contract of the twenty-eighth of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, to be made and stated ; and that, in said account, where there is no certain and absolute proof, such presumptive proof as the case affords be introduced ;



and that a report of the same, together with the Secretary's opinion thereon, be exhibited to Congress at the next session ; and that, in the mean time, the suit in the Circuit Court of the State of New York against said Fowler be stayed.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills, or resolution, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Bird, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Henry Lee, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled " An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a further report, in part ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit : one entitled " An act to discharge Samuel Lewis, sen. from his imprisonment ;" and another entitled " An act for extending the privilege of franking to John Adams, now President of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act to amend the act, entitled ' An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,' and to repeal the act, entitled ' An act to enlarge the powers of the surveyors of the revenue,' with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled " An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rutledge, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-first instant, the message from the President of the United States, enclosing a report from the acting Secretary of War, made a report ; which was read, and is as follows :

" The committee to whom were referred the message of the President of the United States, of the twentieth instant, with a report from the Secretary of War to the President, of the fourteenth instant, report the following resolutions :

" *Resolved*, That provision be made by law for the appointment of an Inspector and Adjutant General of the Army of the United States, and for an assistant to the Adjutant General.

" *Resolved*, That provision be made by law for the compensation of the persons who have done the duties of Inspector and Adjutant General, from the first of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine."

And, on the question that the House do agree to the said resolutions contained in the said report,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled " An act to amend the act, entitled ' An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,' and to repeal the act, entitled ' An act to enlarge the powers of the surveyors of the revenue :'"

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

But an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1801.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Van Cortlandt have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Captain Philip Sloane was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of moneys advanced for the memorialist by the banking house of Bacris and Company, of Algiers, to procure his ransom from captivity in the said place.

Also, the petition of Thomas Parker, late lieutenant colonel commandant of the eighth regiment, praying to be reimbursed the amount of certain extra expenses incurred by the petitioner in executing the orders given him by his superior officers, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Moneys for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, three enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to establish the district of Bristol, and to annex the towns of Kittery and Berwick to the district of Portsmouth;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes;" and another entitled "An act to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail, and so much of the act laying certain duties on snuff and refined sugar as respects a duty on refined sugar, on property sold at auction, and on carriages for the conveyance of persons."

Mr. Bird, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a resolution in the case of Theodosius Fowler; which was received and read, in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause a revision of the accounts of Theodosius Fowler, under the contract of the twenty-eighth of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, to be made and stated; and that, in said accounts, where there is no certain and absolute proof, such presumptive proof as the case affords be introduced; and that a report of the same, together with the Secretary's opinion thereon, be exhibited to Congress at the next session; and that, in the mean time, the suit in the Circuit Court of the State of New York against said Fowler, be stayed.

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. John Chew Thomas, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-third instant, the petition of Notley Young, and others, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.



*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Holmes;" and another entitled "An act to continue in force the acts laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirits by retail, and so much of the act laying certain duties on snuff and refined sugar as respects a duty on refined sugar; on property sold at auction; and on carriages for the conveyance of persons."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sassafra." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a Health Officer." The Senate have also agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire, while under the care of the officers of the Customs in Providence, Rhode Island; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the District of Bristol, and to annex the towns of Kittery and Berwick to the District of Portsmouth." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,' and to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes: Whereupon,

The amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed, and others disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded to strike out the fourth section of the said bill in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every captain, master commandant, and lieutenant, who shall be in service at the time when the reduction of the Navy shall take place as aforesaid, while remaining unemployed, shall have and receive, during his natural life and continuance in office, one-half his monthly pay, agreeably to the rank of his commission or warrant; on condition, however, that he shall at all times hold himself in readiness to enter into actual service, and full pay on being so ordered; and that he shall keep the Secretary of the Navy advised of his place of residence, and of the nearest post town thereto; and shall not, at any time, absent himself from his place of residence for more than forty days, without first having obtained written permission from the Navy Department:"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 48,  
  { Nays ..... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nichols,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Robert Page,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Robert Williams.

Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Inlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
John Rutledge,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Richard Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Wain,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

**Bailey Bartlett,  
Phanuel Bishop.**



Robert Brown,  
 Samuel J. Cabell,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 Matthew Clay,  
 William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
 John Condit,  
 Thomas T. Davis,  
 John Dawson,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 Lucas Elmendorf,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 John Fowler,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 David Holmes,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 Michael Leib,  
 Levi Lincoln,  
 Matthew Lyon,

James Lynn,  
 Edward Livingston,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Joseph H. Nicholson,  
 John Randolph,  
 Nathan Read,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 David Stone,  
 John Stewart,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Littleton W. Tazewell,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum, and  
 Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 John Bird,  
 John Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 William Cooper,  
 William Craik,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 William Edmond,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Imlay,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Lee,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 Leven Powell,  
 John Reed,  
 John Rutledge,  
 William Shepard,  
 John C. Smith,  
 James Sheafe,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 Richard Thomas,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Robert Waln,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the fourth section.

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their said disagreement,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table ; and, on the question that the same be engrossed for a third reading,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 70,  
 { Nays ..... 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
 George Baer,  
 Theodorus Bailey,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 James A. Bayard,  
 Phaniel Bishop,  
 John Brown,  
 Robert Brown,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 Matthew Clay,  
 John Condit,  
 William Craik,  
 Thomas T. Davis,  
 John Dawson,  
 John Dennis,  
 George Dent,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 Lucas Elmendorf,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 John Fowler,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 William H. Hill,  
 David Holmes,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Michael Leib,  
 Levi Lincoln,

Matthew Lyon,  
 James Lynn,  
 Edward Livingston,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Ebenezer Mattoon,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Joseph H. Nicholson,  
 Leven Powell,  
 John Randolph,  
 John Reed,  
 Nathan Read,  
 William Shepard,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 David Stone,  
 John Stewart,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Littleton W. Tazewell,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Joseph B. Varnum,  
 Robert Waln,  
 Robert Williams, and  
 Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bird,  
 Samuel J. Cabell,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
 William Cooper,  
 Samuel W. Dana,  
 John Davenport,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Elizur Goodrich,

Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Inlay,  
 Henry Lee,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 John Rutledge,  
 John C. Smith,  
 James Sheafe,  
 Richard Thomas,  
 Peleg Wadsworth, and  
 Henry Woods.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend and continue in force the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1801.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes, was read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 69,  
Nays ..... 18.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
John Brown,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Thomas Evans,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
William H. Hill,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Silas Lee,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,

Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Ebenezer Mattoon,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Robert Page,  
Leven Powell,  
John Randolph,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
William Shepard,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Littleton W. Tazewell,  
Joseph B. Varnum,  
Robert Waln,  
Robert Williams, and  
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
Franklin Davenport,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Abiel Foster,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,

**Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jonas Platt,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Peleg Wadsworth, and  
Henry Woods.**

*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act providing for a Naval Peace Establishment, and for other purposes ;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry the same to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William Carlin was presented to the House, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain damages done to a House, the property of the petitioner, which was taken possession of, and occupied by, the troops of the United States, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Also, a petition of Joseph Shaytor, late a Major in the Army of the United States, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of a wound received by the petitioner, while in the service of the United States, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A memorial of Thomas Claxton, James Mathers, and Thomas Dunn, Doorkeepers to Congress, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be permitted to retain the possession of three small tenements, the property of the public, on such terms as may be thought reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Glen; that they do report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

I transmit you a report of the Secretary of State, with sundry documents, relative to the subject of your resolution of the twenty-fourth instant.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, Feb. 27, 1801.

The said message, and papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expenditure of money made by the Commissioners of the city of Washington ; the disposition of public property made by them ; and, generally, into all the transactions of the Commissioners which relate to the execution of the trust confided to them by the President of the United States, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to abolish the Board of Commissioners of the city of Washington, and to direct that the business of that Board be transferred to the Department of the Treasury.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury, under direction of the President of the United States, to prepare a plan of the city of Washington, delineating the streets, squares, and public grounds therein ; and to report the same to Congress in December next.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to authorize the sale of lands in the District of Columbia, under proper regulations, to raise the moneys which may at any time be due and unpaid on contracts for the sale of such lands.

*Ordered*, That a bill, or bills, be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. Griswold, Mr. Sheafe, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Tenney, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

I transmit to you, in conformity with your request of the seventeenth instant, two reports ; one from the acting Secretary of War, the other from the Secretary of the Treasury, of the twenty-sixth, with details of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated by the acts of the twentieth May, and sixth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and of the tenth of May, one thousand eight hundred.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, Feb. 27, 1801.

The said message, and papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's speech as respects the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia ;" which was received, and read the first time.



On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to add to the district of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the districts of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, and Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Silas Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for altering the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the First Circuit ; for altering the times of holding the District Courts of said States in the State of North Carolina, and for altering the place of holding the Circuit Court of the said States in the District of Kentucky ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to ascertain the titles of certain persons claiming lands within the territory of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nicholas, from the joint committee appointed to consider what further measures ought to be taken for the accommodation of the President of the United States, and to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, concerning the disposition of the property of the United States in his possession, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nicholas, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the last mentioned committee.

Mr. Imlay, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives ;" another entitled "An act to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sassafra ;" and another entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to augment the salaries of the District Judges in the Districts of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, respectively ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal

representatives ;" another entitled "An act to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sassafras ;" another entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer ;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States, and to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to enlarge the powers of the surveyors of the revenue.'"

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to amend and continue in force the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States :'' Whereupon,

The amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table ;

And, on the question that the same be engrossed, and read the third time,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .....49,  
  { Nays .....42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Bird,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Cooper,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Jonathan Freeman,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Elizur Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
William H. Hill,

Benjamin Huger,  
James H. Imlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Silas Lee,  
Edward Livingston,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Harrison G. Otis,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,  
Nathan Read,  
William Shepard,  
Samuel Smith,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Robert Waln,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Condit,  
John Dawson,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Edwin Gray,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,

David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,





William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Jonathan Freeman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Imlay,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Lewis R. Morris,  
 Harrison G. Otis,  
 Josiah Parker,

Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 Leven Powell,  
 John Reed,  
 Nathan Read,  
 William Shepard,  
 John C. Smith,  
 James Sheafe,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 George Thatcher,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Robert Waln,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

*Ordered*, That the fourth section of the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the fourth section of the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

And, on the question that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their said disagreement,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to add to the District of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the District of Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was this day referred the memorial of Thomas Claxton and others, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read and considered: Whereupon,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Thomas Claxton, James Mathers, and Thomas Dunn, be permitted to occupy, free of rent, until otherwise directed by Congress, the houses now in their respective possession, the property of the United States, in the public square in the city of Washington, on which the Capitol stands; together with a small piece of ground contiguous to each, for a garden, to be enclosed in such manner as not to interfere with any of the public streets or avenues passing through the said square.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill further to amend the act, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the Mint; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the



Whole House on the bill fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Money's for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for altering the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the first Circuit; for altering the times of holding the District Courts of the said States in the State of North Carolina, and for altering the place of holding the Circuit Court of the said States in the District of Kentucky; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a Health Officer;" another entitled "An act to allow the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Sassafras;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Arnold Henry Dohrman, or his legal representatives;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States,' and to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that, in the absence of the Vice President, the Senate proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable James Hillhouse was duly elected. I am also directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia." And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of James Scott, referred to him on the twenty-seventh of January last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, of the twenty-seventh instant, together with a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs, for the year one thousand eight hundred; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered* That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-sixth instant, the bill authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire, while under the care of the officers of the customs in Providence, Rhode Island, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments,'" with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the same.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered,* That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third instant, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

*Ordered,* That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-fourth instant, the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ Clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

*Ordered,* That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eighteenth instant, the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of John D'Wolf, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, to inquire into the causes of the late fires in the War and Treasury Departments, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dana, from the committee to whom was referred, on the seventh ultimo, the memorial and remonstrance of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved,* That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act directing the mode of estimating certain foreign coins and currencies, and of making out invoices in certain cases," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have agreed to the resolution respecting certain property of the United States in the possession of Thomas Claxton, James Mathers, and Thomas Dunn, Doorkeepers to Congress. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one." And then he withdrew.

*Ordered,* That the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one," be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office," was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish a General Stamp Office.'"

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill concerning the Mint was read the third time.



*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning the Mint."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire, while under the care of the officers of the Customs in Providence, Rhode Island, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire, while under the care of the officers of the Customs in Providence, Rhode Island."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for altering the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the first Circuit; for altering the times of holding the District Courts of the said States in the State of North Carolina; and for altering the place of holding the Circuit Court of the said States in the District of Kentucky, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for altering the times and places of holding certain Courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Moneys for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Moneys for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2. 1801.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the President of the United States elect, which was read, and is as follows:

"WASHINGTON, March 2, 1801.

"SIR: I beg leave through you to inform the Honorable the House of Representatives of the United States, that I shall take the oath which the Constitution prescribes to the President of the United States before he enters on the execution of his office, on Wednesday, the fourth instant, at twelve o'clock, in the Senate Chamber.

"I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect, Sir,

"Your most obedient, and most humble servant,

"THOMAS JEFFERSON.

"The HON. THEODORE SEDGWICK,

"Speaker of the House of Representatives."

*Ordered*, That said letter do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United

States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of Maryland, which was read, and is as follows:

"IN COUNCIL, ANNAPOLIS, February 26, 1801.

"SIR: We have the honor to forward to you, for the use of the honorable body over which you preside, a set of the laws of this State, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislature.

"We have the honor to be, with great respect,

"Your obedient servants,

"BEN. OGLE.

"The Hon. THEODORE SEDGWICK,

*"Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States."*

*Ordered*, That the said letter do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with several amendments.

And, on the question that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendments, with amendments,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio:" Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills and resolution, to wit: one entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments;'" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one;" and, also, a "resolution respecting certain property of the United States in the possession of Thomas Claxton, James Mathers, and Thomas Dunn, Doorkeepers to Congress;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled:" Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills and resolution, to wit: one entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments;'" another entitled "An act to add to the District of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the District of Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;'" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one;"



and, also, a "resolution respecting certain property of the United States in the possession of Thomas Claxton, James Mathers, and Thomas Dunn, Doorkeepers to Congress."

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to erect a Mausoleum for GEORGE WASHINGTON:" Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded to amend the amendment of the Senate to the first section of the said bill, by striking out, from the tenth line thereof, the word "*fifty*," for the purpose of inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "one hundred;"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 34,  
  { Nays ..... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Brown,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,  
Benjamin Huger,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
Nathan Read,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
John Bird,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
John Davenport,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
William Edmond,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
George Jackson,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,

Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Reed,  
William Shepard,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Samuel Tenney,  
John Thompson,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Peleg Wadsworth.

The said amendments of the Senate were then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, on the question that the House do agree to the said amendments as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 46,  
  { Nays ..... 33.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
 Bailey Bartlett,  
 John Bird,  
 Phaniel Bishop,  
 Robert Brown,  
 Samuel J. Cabell,  
 Matthew Clay,  
 William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
 Samuel W. Dana,  
 John Davenport,  
 John Dawson,  
 Joseph Eggleston,  
 John Fowler,  
 Albert Gallatin,  
 Chauncey Goodrich,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 William Barry Grove,  
 John A. Hanna,  
 Joseph Heister,  
 David Holmes,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Michael Leib,  
 Levi Lincoln,

Matthew Lyon,  
 James Lynn,  
 Edward Livingston,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 John Reed,  
 Nathan Read,  
 William Shepard,  
 John Smilie,  
 John Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
 David Stone,  
 Benjamin Taliaferro,  
 Samuel Tenney,  
 John Chew Thomas,  
 John Thompson,  
 Abram Trigg,  
 John Trigg,  
 Joseph B. Varnum, and  
 Peleg Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,  
 John Brown,  
 Christopher G. Champlin,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 William Craik,  
 Franklin Davenport,  
 John Dennis,  
 Joseph Dickson,  
 William Edmond,  
 Thomas Evans,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Roger Griswold,  
 Robert Goodloe Harper,  
 Archibald Henderson,  
 Benjamin Huger,  
 James H. Inlay,

George Jackson,  
 Henry Lee,  
 Silas Lee,  
 Ebenezer Mattoon,  
 Robert Page,  
 Thomas Pinckney,  
 Jonas Platt,  
 John Randolph,  
 John C. Smith,  
 Richard Stanford,  
 Thomas Sumter,  
 James Sheafe,  
 John Stewart,  
 George Thatcher,  
 Lemuel Williams, and  
 Henry Woods.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to amend the act, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to their



amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one." And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and to establish certain post roads," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act directing the mode of estimating certain foreign coins and currencies, and of making out invoices in certain cases : " Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point : " Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and to establish certain post roads : " Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered,* That Joseph Hodgson and Gerrard Briscoe, who presented petitions to the House at the present session, have leave to withdraw their respective petitions.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the several petitions of Jacob Barnitz, Philip Sloan, Thomas Parker, Peter Charles L'Enfant, Mile Riley, Charles Hyde, Margaret Culbertson, Mary Hay, James Denniston, Mathias Shroyer, Philip Lightfoot, William Ray, John Followell, John Hall, Leonard Jarvis, William Milton and others, and the bill for the relief of William Nichols, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That the Committee of Claims be discharged therefrom, and that the further consideration of the said petitions and bill be postponed until the next session of Congress.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1801.

An engrossed bill further to amend the act, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States," was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act further to amend the act, entitled 'An act for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States.'"

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset Bay," was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset Bay."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio ;" another entitled "An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point ;" another entitled "An act directing the mode of estimating certain foreign coins and currencies, and making out invoices in certain cases ;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one : " another entitled "An

act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ;" and another entitled "An act further to alter and to establish certain post roads ;" and had found the same truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Joseph S. Martin and others, of the State of Rhode Island, late owners of a certain sloop or vessel called the Sally, of Providence, in the State aforesaid, was presented to the House and read, praying an indemnity for the losses and expenses they have sustained by the seizure of the said vessel by the United States ship of war the Constitution, and the subsequent condemnation thereof by the District Court of the United States for the State of New York ; for certain reasons expressed in the said petition.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Stephen Hopkins and Robert S. Burrough, presented the fifth ultimo, and that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next session of Congress.

*Ordered*, That Paul Bentalou, who presented a petition to this House on the second of December last, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-third ultimo, to direct such an arrangement of the chamber of this House as will be best adapted to the preservation of order, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fifth ultimo, the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth of December last, the memorial of Thomas Herty, be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the Mint." The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the further consideration of the bill entitled "An act to erect a mausoleum for GEORGE WASHINGTON." The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the persons therein named, and their associates, as a Mine and Metal Company." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit ;

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to pay to the Sergeant-at-Arms, out of the money appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, for extra services :

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made one amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said resolution was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and being again read, in the words following, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to pay to the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Doorkeeper and Assistant Doorkeeper, out of the money appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, the sum of two hundred dollars each, for extra services :

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 39,  
  { Nays ..... 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
Gabriel Christie,  
William Craik,

Samuel W. Dana,  
Franklin Davenport,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dennis,  
Joseph Dickson,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,



Henry Glen,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,  
Benjamin Huger,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
Robert Page,  
Thomas Pinckney,

Jonas Platt,  
John Randolph,  
John Read,  
Samuel Smith,  
John C. Smith,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Matthew Clay,  
William Charles Cole Claiborne,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,

George Jackson,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
John Nicholas,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
Abram Trigg,  
John Trigg, and  
Joseph B. Varnum.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the second instant, approve and sign the following acts and resolution, which originated in this House : one entitled " An act making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ;" another entitled " An act to add to the district of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the district of Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend the act, entitled ' An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage ;' " another entitled " An act supplementary to an act, entitled ' An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments ;' " and, also, the " Resolution respecting certain property of the United States in the possession of Thomas Claxton, James Mathers, and Thomas Dunn, Doorkeepers to Congress."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act to augment the salaries of the district Judges in the districts of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, respectively," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act in addition to an act, entitled ' An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States,' " with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled " An act concerning the Mint," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Huger, from the same committee, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled " An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio ;" another entitled " An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point ;" another entitled " An act directing the mode of estimating certain foreign coins and currencies, and of making out invoices in certain cases ;" another entitled " An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one : " another entitled " An act making appro-

priations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ;” and another entitled “An act further to alter and to establish certain post roads.”

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act to augment the salaries of the district judges in the districts of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, respectively :” Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled “An act in addition to an act, entitled ‘An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States :’” Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to pay, out of the moneys appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the House, to the principal and engrossing clerks in the office of the Clerk of the House, respectively, two hundred dollars each, for their extra services during the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith’s Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner’s Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset bay.” The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the consideration of the resolution in the case of Theodosius Fowler. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled “An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from being concerned in trade or commerce or navigation ;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled “An act concerning the Mint.”

Mr. Huger, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled “An act to augment the salaries of the district judges in the districts of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, respectively ;” the other entitled “An act in addition to an act, entitled ‘An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States ;’” and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the nineteenth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the official conduct of Winthrop Sargent, Governor of the Mississippi Territory, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk’s table, and, the resolution contained therein being then read, in the words following, to wit :

*Resolved*, That there does not appear cause for further proceedings on the matters of complaint for mal-administration against Winthrop Sargent, as Governor of the Mississippi Territory ;”

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And it passed in the negative,      { Yeas ..... 58,  
   { Nays ..... 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,  
Bailey Bartlett,  
James A. Bayard,  
John Brown,  
Christopher G. Champlin,  
William Craik,  
Samuel W. Dana,  
John Davenport,  
Franklin Davenport,  
John Dennis,

Joseph Dickson,  
William Edmond,  
Thomas Evans,  
Abiel Foster,  
Henry Glen,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
William Barry Grove,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Archibald Henderson,



James H. Imlay,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Lee,  
Silas Lee,  
Lewis R. Morris,  
Thomas Pinckney,  
Jonas Platt,  
Leven Powell,  
John Reed,

Nathan Read,  
William Shepard,  
John C. Smith,  
James Sheafe,  
Samuel Tenney,  
George Thatcher,  
John Chew Thomas,  
Lemuel Williams, and  
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Phanuel Bishop,  
Robert Brown,  
Samuel J. Cabell,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Matthew Clay,  
William C. C. Claiborne,  
Thomas T. Davis,  
John Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Joseph Eggleston,  
John Fowler,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Andrew Gregg,  
John A. Hanna,  
Joseph Heister,  
David Holmes,  
Michael Leib,  
Levi Lincoln,

Matthew Lyon,  
James Lynn,  
Edward Livingston,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Joseph H. Nicholson,  
John Randolph,  
John Smilie,  
John Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Richard Dobbs Spaight,  
Richard Stanford,  
David Stone,  
Thomas Sumter,  
John Stewart,  
Benjamin Taliaferro,  
Abram Trigg, and  
John Trigg.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from being concerned in trade or commerce or navigation," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time ;

And, an adjournment being called for,

The House adjourned until six o'clock, P. M.

### 6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire while under the care of the officers of the customs in Providence, Rhode Island ;" also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves ;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for altering the times and places of holding certain courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House ; also, the bill, entitled "An act providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House ; and, also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia,' with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset bay ;" another entitled "An act authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire while under the care of the officers of the customs in Providence, Rhode Island ;" and another entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for altering the times and places of holding certain courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes :—" Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes :—" Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia :—" Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from being concerned in trade or commerce or navigation," was read the third time ; And, on the question that the same do pass,

It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That Samuel Blackden, who presented a petition to this House on the twelfth day of December last, have leave to withdraw the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit : one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ;" another entitled "An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point ;" another entitled "An act directing the mode of estimating certain foreign coins and currencies, and of making out invoices in certain cases ;" another entitled "An act further to alter and to establish certain post roads ;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ;" another entitled "An act concerning the Mint ;" and another entitled "An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire while under the care of the officers of the customs, in Providence, Rhode Island ;" another entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves ;" another entitled "An act for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset bay ;" another entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States ;' and another entitled "An act to augment the salaries of the district judges in the districts of Massachusetts, New-York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, respectively."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish a general stamp office.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Moneys for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments, except the amendment for striking out the second section, to which this House doth disagree.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :





a separation from men of dignity, of character, of honorable sentiments and of disinterested patriotism ; an association with whom has been my pride and solace amidst all the fatigue and vexation of public life. Of the friendship of such men, long uninterrupted and cordial as it has been, I shall always cherish a grateful remembrance. May you receive the reward most grateful to generous spirits, the reward of witnessing, as the effects of your labors, the increasing prosperity, and happiness, and glory, of your country.

"As the last words which I shall utter, as a public man, allow me to declare, that those with whom I have had the honor, here, to act and think, whose confidence I have enjoyed, whose bosoms have been opened to my inspection, in my cool and reflected opinion, deserve all of esteem, affection, and gratitude, which their countrymen can bestow. On this occasion I deem myself authorized, from the present circumstances, to make this declaration ; and I do it in the most solemn manner, in the presence of the assembled representatives of America—and not only so, but in the awful presence of that heart-searching Being to whom I feel myself responsible for all my conduct. May the Almighty keep you in his holy protection—Farewell."

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish a general stamp office ;'" another entitled "An act for altering the times and places of holding certain courts therein mentioned and for other purposes ;" another entitled "An act providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes ;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia ;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate insist on their amendment disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Receivers of Public Moneys for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands." And then he withdrew.

A motion was then made and seconded that the further consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed until the next session of Congress :

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That there be allowed to the Clerk of this House, to compensate for his extraordinary expenses during the present session of Congress, the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid to him out of the moneys appropriated for defraying the contingent expenses of the House.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House do pay to the Chaplin of this House, the sum of one hundred dollars, out of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House, in addition to the compensation allowed him by law.

Mr. Huger, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to establish a general stamp office ;'" another entitled "An act for altering the times and places of holding certain courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes," another entitled "An act providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes ;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia.'"

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and to inform him that Congress is ready to adjourn without day, unless he may have any further communications to make to them. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing resolution of the Senate : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the same, and that Mr. Pinckney and Mr. Grove be the committee, on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his



Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act for erecting light-houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, in Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset bay;" another entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States:'" another entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to employ clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses and the enumeration of slaves;" another entitled "An act to augment the salaries of the district judges in the districts of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, respectively;" another entitled "An act authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire, while under the care of the officers of the customs, in Providence, Rhode Island;" another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish a general stamp office;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia;" another entitled "An act providing for a Naval peace establishment, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act for altering the times and places of holding certain courts therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Pinckney, from the joint committee of the two Houses, appointed to notify the President of the United States of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he had no farther communication to make, but the expression of his wishes for the health and happiness of the members, and a pleasant journey on their return to their homes and families.

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House having completed the business before them, are now ready to adjourn without day; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, *sine die*.

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143	A bill to amend "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the U. States" -	441	461, 462, 463, Sec No. 105, 89, 181, 295, 316, 458, See H. R. 66, 134, 156, S. 48.	463	487	489, 503, 504, -	506
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148½	A bill for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor, and Jones, of the City of Philadelphia	454	455, See No. 72,	455	480	481, 481, 482,	484
149	A bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment for the year 1799	457	487, -	489	514	517, -	517
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151	A bill authorizing the establishment of docks	460	469, 470, -	471	482	489, 491, -	492
152	A bill authorizing the purchase of timber for naval purposes	460	469, 470, See No. 155, 252, -	471	482	485, 489, 491, -	492
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169	A bill to amend the "Act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen," - - - - -	485	503, - - - - -	503	513	514, 517, - - - - -	517
170	A bill to alter and discontinue several post roads, and to establish others - - - - -	491	503—See 69, 96, 160. - - - - -	-	-	-	-
171	A bill authorizing the augmentation of the Marine Corps - - - - -	491	496, - - - - -	497	509	511, - - - - -	512
172	A bill authorizing a detachment from the Militia of the U. States - - - - -	492	502, - - - - -	503	515	516, 518 - - - - -	-
173	A bill making additional appropriations for the year 1799 - - - - -	492	504—See No. 147, - - - - -	505	513	517, - - - - -	517
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182	A bill providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the U. States	538	546—See No. 227,	-	547	584	585, 603, 605,	-	611
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185	A bill for the relief of John Vaughan	552	553,	-	553	584	586, 587,	-	589
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190	A bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Rhode Island, Maryland, and Georgia	572	583, 584,	-	585	615	617, 625, 626, 629,	-	630
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192	A bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations	581	585—See No. 216.	-					
193	A bill to continue in force "An act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fisheries employed therein"	581	603,	-	603	653	654, 661,	-	663
194	A bill in addition to "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen"	581	583, 584,	-	584	600	603, 609, 610, 611,	-	611



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200	A bill in addition to the laws relative to the Military Establishment of the United States - - - - -	587	589.	-	-	-	-
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207	A bill to provide for the execution of the 27th article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, made with Great Britain	602	635, 650, 686, 687.	-	-	-	-	-
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209	A bill for the relief of Campbell Smith	611	621, -	-	622	-	-	-
210	A bill to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service	611	630, -	-	633	688	697, 698, -	701
211	A bill for the better government of the Navy of the United States, and repealing the act on the same subject, passed 2d March, 1799	611	651—See No. 146,	-	651	670	670, 675, 677, -	678
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218	A bill supplemental to "An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory"	629	631, -	-	633	670	675, 677, 678, 679, 681, 692, 700, 701, 703, 704, 705, 706	710
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222	A bill for the relief of the Corporation of Rhode Island College	635	636, -	-	-	-	-	-
223	A bill supplementary to the "Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers"	635	636—See No. 260,	-	637	666	668, 675, 677, -	678
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243	A bill to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands -	657	677	677	699	703, 706	-	710
244	A bill to make further provision for the orphan children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman -	657	683, 684, 702	702	715	716, 717	-	718
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291	A bill to amend and continue in force "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States" -	777	828, 832, 833 See No. 48, 135, 186	834			
292	A bill to amend "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures" -	782	821, 824—See No. 266	829			

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295	A bill to amend the "Act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," and to repeal "An act to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue"	784	788, 806—See No. 105, 181, 143, 245	807	823	823, 825, 832	-	835
296	A bill authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his present confinement	785	835	-	836			
297	A bill to add to the District of Massac, on the Ohio, and to discontinue the Districts of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, and Palmyra, in the State of Tennessee, and therein to amend "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage"	785		785	831	834, 838	-	843
298	A bill for the purpose of ascertaining the Northwardly boundary line of a tract of land between the Little Miami and the Scioto rivers, reserved by the State of Virginia to satisfy the troops of the line of said State, who, in the Revolutionary War, served on the Continental Establishment	787						
299	A bill to continue in force "An act to augment the salaries of the Officers therein mentioned"	787						
300	A bill supplementary to "An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments"	787	821—See No. 224	822	836	838	-	843
301	A bill to extend to aliens who arrived and became residents in the United States before a certain period, the benefits of the act of 1795, on the subject of naturalization	788	804					
302	A bill to continue in force "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof"	793	See No. 102, 131, 140, 201, and Senate 36					
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305	A bill for erecting light houses on New Point Comfort, and on Smith's Point, in the State of Virginia, and on Faulkner's Island, on Long Island Sound, in the State of Connecticut, and for placing buoys in Narraganset Bay	805	840	841	844	845, 846	849
306	A bill providing for a Naval Peace Establishment, and for other purposes	805	823, 825	829	815	846, 848	849
307	A bill respecting Navy Yards and timber for naval purposes	805	See No. 152, 155, 252				
308	A bill further to alter and establish certain Post Roads	805	821—See No. 287	822	841	842, 844	846
309	A bill to repeal part of "An act in addition to 'An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States'"	808	816				
310	A bill to extinguish the claims of the United States for certain balances reported to be due from several of the States to the United States	809	See No. 1, 128, 136				
311	A bill concerning the Mint	816	834—See No. 195, and Senate 66	836	842	843, 844	846
312	A bill declaring the assent of Congress to An act of the State of Maryland, passed on the 28th December, 1793, for the appointment of a Health Officer	816	See No. 60, 190	817	825	831, 832	835
313	A bill for the relief of Henry Arnold Dorchman, or his legal representatives	818		819	825	831	835
314	A bill to augment the salaries of the District Judges in the Districts of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, respectively	818	831	833	843	844, 846	849
315	A bill to amend "An act to establish a General Stamp Office	819	836—See No. 196	836	846	848	849
316	A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ Clerks for completing the abstracts of the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves	821	836	837	845	845, 846	849

317	A bill to amend the "Act altering the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point"	822	See No. 250	-	824	841	841, 843	-	846
318	A bill to amend "An act respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters"	823	836	-	-	-	-	-	-
319	A bill fixing the compensation of Receivers of the Public Moneys for lands of the United States, and regulating the mode of calculating discounts in case of prompt payment for the said lands	824	835	-	837	846	848	-	-
320	A bill authorizing the remission of duties on certain teas destroyed by fire, while under the care of the Officers of the Customs in Providence, Rhode Island	825	835	-	837	845	845, 846	-	849
321	A bill supplementary to "An act concerning the District of Columbia,"	830	835—See No. 289, and Senate 68	-	837	845	846, 848	-	849
322	A bill for altering the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the First Circuit, for altering the times of holding the District Courts of said States in the State of North Carolina, and for altering the place of holding the Circuit Court of said States in the District of Kentucky	831	835	-	837	845	846, 848	-	849
323	A bill to ascertain the titles of certain persons claiming lands within the territory of the United States	831	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
324	A bill in addition to "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States"	831	837	-	838	843	844, 846	-	849
325	A bill further to amend "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States"	834	840—See No. 65	-	841	-	-	-	-



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30	An act to authorize the President to prevent or regulate the landing of French passengers, and other persons, who may arrive within the ports of the U. States from foreign places	361	363			
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  2. That the election of Representatives to Congress, who are to serve after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, shall be by dividing each State into a number of Districts equal to the number of Representatives to which such State shall be entitled, and by the People within each of those Districts who shall have the qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous branch of the Legislature of such State, choosing one Representative in the manner which the Legislature thereof shall prescribe
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